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Elba ex-Marine receives WW II Purple Heart after 52 years

By Marvin McILwain, Editor

After 25 years, an Elba ex-Marine receives the Purple Heart after being wounded in the invasion of Iwo Jima during World War II.

Representatives of the U. S. Marine Corps were in Elba on Wednesday, March 26, to present Charles Kennett with his medal in a brief but moving ceremony.

The event took place in Veteran's Memorial Park located at the National Security Insurance Corporate Office in Elba.

The park was decorated with a multitude of United States flags and a flag representing each branch of the armed forces of the United States.

A large number of friends gathered with the Kennett family to witness the tribute finally paid to an ex-Marine wounded in the service of his country.

Gene Kennett, Charles' wife, gave a brief history of the events leading up to the time when her husband was wounded during the taking of the Japanese held island of Iwo Jima.

Kennett, after receiving his draft notice in 1943, opted to joined the Navy. He later became a member of the Marine Corps.

On August 12, 1944 he shipped out and on February 19, 1945 he landed on Iwo Jima.

During the landing, an artillery shell exploded near Kennett killing several Marines and wounding him in the back. After being taped from his hips to under his arms by a corpsman, Kennett continued to fight for 21 days.

After the taking of the island, Kennett was sent to a naval hospital for medical treatment. Due to his wound, Kennett received a medical discharge, and due to a lot of confusion at the end of the war, he never received his Purple Heart.

Dee Kennett Brunson, Charles' daughter, is credited with him receiving his medal after 52 years. In preparing a Christmas gift for her father - a case to display his medals, combat ribbons, etc. - she learned that he had never received his Purple Heart.

She began her quest to obtain the medal belonging to her father in November of 1996. After a lot of letter writing and research, the day finally came. Her father now has his much deserved medal.

"If it had not been for her, this would not be happening today. She did all the footwork," said Kennett.

He added, "I did not know that she was doing it."

On hand to present Kennett with his medal was Marine Major Joel S. Sauer. He was assisted by Staff Sergeant Thomas Anderson.

PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT...Pictured above with Charles Kennett (holding the display case), recipient of the Purple Heart, are (l-r): Staff Sgt. Thomas Anderson; Maj. Joel S. Sauer; son Rickey Kennett; wife, Gene Kennett; son-in-law and daughter, Winston and Dee Brunson.

County BOE holds special meeting

By Marvin McILwain, Editor

A special called meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education lasted just over a half hour last Thursday evening.

Shortly after convening the meeting, Chairman Charles Walker called the board into executive session. The closed-door meeting lasted less than fifteen minutes and no action was taken by the board when it reconvened in open session.

Superintendent Rodger Bowden presented a letter of resignation from Zion Chapel High School's head football coach David Collins to board members.

The board accepted Collins' resignation without comment and authorized Bowden to advertise for a head football coach for Zion Chapel.

Requests for out-of-state travel from the following organizations were granted by the board: Zion Chapel High School Band to Panama City Beach, FL; Kinston High School Band to Six Flags Over Georgia; Paul Maddox - New Brockton High School FHA to San Diego; and Peggy Heneveld - Reading Recovery Program to Atlanta, GA.

Superintendent Bowden presented board members with a proposed policy on sexual harassment. He asked they examine the policy and be prepared to take action on the matter in the next board meeting.

He noted that the system's code of conduct includes a section on student-to-student sexual harassment - it will not be tolerated; however there is no board policy on the matter.

Bowden told board members that the proposed board policy addresses all kinds of sexual harassment - teacher-to-student; administrator-to-teacher, teacher-to-teacher, etc.

"You may have read recently where a lot of school systems are having problems with student-to-student sexual harassment, and at the present time the board has no policy on this," Bowden commented.

The superintendent informed the board that a group of teachers from Etowah County had filed a lawsuit against all school systems that are not paying 100 percent of the salary matrix at the present time.

According to Bowden, the Alabama Association of School Boards (AASB) has appointed lawyers to work on this matter, and is advising all members of the association to do nothing until they are advised to do so by the AASB.

A court hearing on the matter is set for April 7, 1997.

Teachers and students in the county schools will receive an extra holiday on Monday, April 28. Originally, the day was scheduled as a bad-weather-make-up-day, but since the system has not had to use the day, it has been declared a holiday.

In other matters coming before the board, the following actions were taken:

***Gave the superintendent permission to retain the services of Susan Reeves, Attorney at Law. No reason given.

***County Awards Day is set for Thursday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office in Elba.

***Gifted students from New Brockton Elementary School will present the program they presented at the Southeast Alabama United Nations demonstration in Troy. This is scheduled for April 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the Central Office in Elba.

***The proposed 1997-98 school year calendar was accepted by the board.

ADEM fines New Brockton man $500 for illegal dump

By Marvin McILwain, Editor

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has levied a fine against a New Brockton man for the illegal dumping of solid waste.

Leon Winburn of New Brockton has been fined $500 by ADEM and directed to close an unauthorized solid waste dump located on his property just off Coffee County Road 154 near New Brockton.

The administrative order and fine was issued by the state environmental agency on March 21.

ADEM received a letter from Winburn on March 24 stating that he had partially covered some of the solid waste with dirt and erected a fence to prevent further dumping on the property. ADEM has not yet verified by an inspection that these corrective measures have been taken.

According to the order, ADEM personnel observed during an October 30 inspection that old appliances, tires, plastics, metals, old furniture and other miscellaneous solid waste had been disposed of on the property owned by Winburn.

As a result of the inspection, ADEM issued a notice of violation to Winburn in November informing him that such disposal without a permit was a violation of solid waste regulations, and that the site must be closed. Winburn failed to respond to the ADEM notice.

The order requires that, within one month, Winburn pay the fine and submit to ADEM a plan for closure of the site. After ADEM has notified Winburn of its approval of the closure plan, he has another month to fully implement closure.

ADEM assesses administrative penalties based on the seriousness of the violation, the standard of care shown by the violator, any economic benefit of delayed compliance, preventive efforts, compliance history and ability to pay a fine.

CORRECTION

On the Doctor Appreciation page of last week's edition of *The Elba Clipper*, it was stated that Dr. Dudley Terrell, M.D. had been associated with Elba General Hospital since 1981. That was incorrect. He has been associated with EGH since 1965.

Holiday license check nets drugs

By Marvin McILwain, Editor

A routine driver's license check last Friday evening conducted jointly by several law enforcement agencies resulted in several drug arrests.

The DLC was conducted at the intersection of AL Highways 167 and 125 during the early evening hours.

One of the main purposes of the checkpoint was to check driver's license and remove persons driving under the influence of alcohol from the highways; however, officers discovered very few alcohol violations but made several drug possession cases.

All officers involved in the detail were surprised in the number of drug arrests made during the joint operation. Usually this type operation results in numerous alcohol related arrests and confiscation of large amounts of beer.

Sgt. Jack Herbert, of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, coordinated the operation. He stated that during the DL check every fifth car was pulled over to the side for a possible drug check.

The occupants of the vehicle were given the option of remaining in the vehicle or stepping outside. K-9 dogs trained in locating drugs were then allowed to "sniff" the exterior of the vehicle. If the dogs alerted on the vehicle or there was an obvious violation (dugs or alcohol in plain view), a thorough search was made inside the vehicle.

During the operation, which lasted approximately three hours, seven arrests were made for the illegal possession of drugs.

Those individuals arrested were:

• Michael Clinton Doile, 21 of Anniston, Al, was charged with possession of marijuana second degree.

• Stacy Parker, 18 of Millbrook, AL, was charged with possession of marijuana second degree and minor in possession of alcohol.

• Charles Shaw, 33 of Montevallo, AL, was charged with possession of marijuana second degree.

• James Cary, 18 of Huntsville, AL, was charged with possession of marijuana second degree.

• Chad Siddons, 18 of North Owensboro, KY, was charged with possession of a controlled substance methamphetamine, a felony.

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County's sheriff's deputies now have radar units

By Marvin McILwain, Editor

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department has added another dimension to its law enforcement capabilities - the use of traffic radar.

Sheriff Ben Moates has armed his deputies with two radar units to be used in traffic control primarily on the rural roads of the county.

Areas of concentration will be in populated communities, businesses, schools, churches, and any other areas where vehicles or pedestrians are at risk from speed violators.

The sheriff noted that an added benefit of the traffic control device

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Time Changes Sunday

It's time to turn your clocks FORWARD again this Sunday, April 6, 1997. Daylight Savings Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m., Sunday morning; however, it's safer to turn your clocks FORWARD before going to bed Saturday night.

* *NOTICE* *

THE WORK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON U.S. HWY. 84 IN ELBA ON MARCH 26 HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

Meet Your Elba Police Officers

Meet Police Officer Joe Neal Peacock. Joe is a native of Samson, AL and has been a member of the Elba Police Department for six months.

Patrolman Peacock presently works in the patrol division of the department.

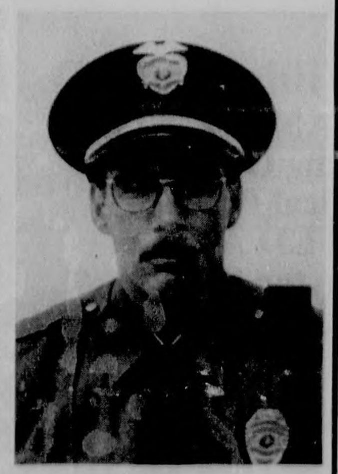
Prior to joining the Elba Police Department fulltime, Joe served with the department as a reserve.

Peacock received his certification after attending the Southwest Alabama Police Academy.

Helping people is one of the things Joe likes most about being a police officer. There's nothing he dislikes

One of his most memorable experiences is when a police cruiser almost turned over with him and another officer.

For Elba, he would like to see the end to the threat of flooding. His wishes for the police department are: new cars, more drug work, and more departmental gatherings.



When he has the time, Joe enjoys the sport of hunting and fishing.

Joe's wife is Sonya and they have no children.

Tiger Band Day '97 date set

The Elba Band Boosters are making plans for their annual Band Day with the date being set for Saturday, April 19.

Once again the event will be held on the courthouse square in downtown Elba. Many activities are planned, including a variety of live entertainment, arts and crafts, jail-for-bail, bar-b-que sale, a live remote broadcast by WZTZ, bingo, face painting, concessions, and an auction.

Tickets for the annual bar-b-que are now on sale for $5.00 each and may be purchased from any band member. The deadline for purchasing a bar-b-que ticket is Friday, April 11.

Band boosters will be serving the bar-b-que plates from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Elba Senior Citizen Center.

In addition to all the other activities, past members of the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band are encouraged to attend Band Day '97. These individuals will be honored by the high school's Tri M music honor society.

A Marching Tiger Alumni booth will be set up on the square where alumni band members can register, receive name tags, and be recognized for the part they have played in the proud tradition and history of the Elba High School Band.

All proceeds from Band Day'97 will directly benefit the Elba High School Band in buying uniforms, instruments, music, and many other much needed items.

In the event of inclement weather, the festivities will be moved to the old Army Reserve Center on Claxton Avenue.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS BREAKFAST The Elba Chamber of Commerce (ECC) invites everyone to a Business-Before-Hours-Breakfast at Mama's Kitchen on Tuesday, April 17, between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. (Dutch Treat). This will be a time to share ideas, offer suggestions, and visit with neighbors. All chamber members are urged to attend and bring a guest. The ECC needs every member to get involved in making Elba a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

FUTURE LITTLE MISS & LITTLE ELBA PAGEANT The Future Little Miss and Little Miss Elba Pageant is scheduled for Friday, April 18, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. Alison McCreary, Miss Alabama 1996, will be emcee and also will provide entertainment. Little Miss Peanut 1996 Kelli Calhoun will also be performing at the pageant. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, April 8. Registration forms are available at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For additional information call the Chamber Office at 897-3125.

MISS & JR. MISS ELBA PAGEANT The Miss and Junior Miss Elba Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. Carrie Johnson, of WSFA-TV's "Today In Alabama" will emcee the event. Rob and Kelly Hudson of Nashville will be providing entertainment. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, April 8. Registration forms are available at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For additional information call the Chamber Office at 897-3125.

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Violent crimes have been around for all of recorded history, and probably longer. However it is a bit frightening when the dust settles around something like a murder and everyone is told the reason the man was killed was "he was just there". That is the official reason given in the much publicized Ennis Cosby murder in California. Law officials say the 18 year old Russian refugee happened upon the man changing a flat tire and killed him. Those who claimed to know the young man personally say he was trying to impress some tough gang types and was himself acting tough to be accepted by them. Now two lives are ruined ... needlessly.

There are brighter subjects! Katie Hughes, daughter of John and Judy Hughes, is a budding scientist. The second grader at Yokoto Air Force Base, Japan, placed second out of over 200 entries in a school science fair last month. We will not try to explain her project, but you can ask her on her next visit to Elba. Oh, her proud grandparents in this area are John Glen and Mary Alice Lee ... some of the Rt. 5 Lees.

The time changes again this weekend. Any change is confusing enough for those of us who are slow to accept change, but when an hour of the best sleeping time slips away for six months ... well anyway whining will not do one bit of good. Maybe we can depend on sympathy from friends who suffer the same anguish, from the same unsolvable problems.

Several people have already asked if we had any comments on the mass suicide in California last week. Of course, anyone could chatter all day about those 39 cult members and the what and why of their actions, but it is being beat to death by the talk shows already. What is most bothersome is the reality of the others walking around this world who are candidates to do the same thing if someone doesn't talk them out of it. Two former members of that cult were interviewed on the tube last weekend and admitted feeling left out because the others went and they didn't. The men seemed intelligent, informed about the end results, etc. but regretted they were not on that grand flight with their friends! Our feelings about suicide are deep and strong. God put each of us here for a purpose and it is regrettable when anyone cuts short their mission. It is hard to know what is in the mind of the solo suicide victim but it is proper to have sympathy for him or her. However, when one or more individuals starts talking others into joining them in such an act ... then the sympathy should be joined by a fighting spirit. It is our thoughts that those who are followers into such a permanent action are reaching (or crying) out for help to fill some perceived void in their life. This is a void which can best be filled by living, if only fellow civilized humans will recognize the need and stop long enough to give the necessary boost.

The spring flowers peaked in this area right before Easter. During the past two weeks this area has probably had the most and prettiest flowers and shrubs of many a year. That was true throughout the Wiregrass and Florida Panhandle. Every time there was a few spare minutes, or another way to get somewhere, we just drove down that alternate route to drink in the natural splendor of another spring. One homeowner said the dogwoods and other blooming plants in her backyard looked just like she pictured the Garden of Eden. A personal visit revealed she is pretty close to being right. Isn't it heartwarming to think a person can step out the back door and into such a place ... but for that to be true it also takes a lot of hard work on someone's part.

What is the Alabama Legislature doing this week? They took the AEA holidays along with the school children (and teachers). It could be because the lawmakers wanted to be home, or at the beach, with their young children ... and that is a noble thought. It could also be because so many of them are school connected and accustomed to having this week off that they just couldn't work during AEA week! Writing that last bit wasn't so noble and was only done to pick up the blood pressure of some dear relaxing friends.

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OFFICIALLY OPENED...A ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently to officially announce the opening of Guy's Used Mowers & Flea Market. The new business is located in the old middle school building located in downtown Elba. Pictured above (l-r) are: Barbara Hudson, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Misty Kelley, Junior Miss Elba; Doris Matthews, The Peoples Bank; Guy and Myra Aycock, owners; Haley Stinson, Little Miss Elba; James Grimes, Mayor of Elba; Herby McCall, City of Elba; and Destiny Brown, Miss Elba.

SUBWAY UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT...Elba Subway recently opened under new management and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to mark the event. Participants in the event are picture above. They are (l-r): Barbara Hudson, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Destiny Brown, Miss Elba; Melissa Clark, manager; Melba Hollinghead, President of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Joyce Reeves, employee; Gloria Eddins, employee; Rhonda and Mike Kilgore,with their daughter, Lauren, owners; Haley Stinson, Little Miss Elba; James Grimes, Mayor of Elba; Misty Kelley, Junior Miss Elba; and Herby McCall, City of Elba.

Coffee County Sheriff's Department participates in Relay for Life

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department is participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

One of the department's fundraising projects for the event is a Boston butt sale.

Orders are now being taken for the Boston butts. To place an order, call 894-5535 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Cost is $15.

The final day for placing orders is April 15. Pick-up will be on April 19 at North Industrial Park in Enterprise between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The sheriff's department's team participants will also hold a car wash on May 3 from 8:00 a.m. - until. It will be held in the parking lot of Advanced Auto Parts on Rucker Blvd., in Enterprise. Donations are being accepted.

The Relay for Life will be held on May 16 from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. on May 17 on the campus of Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise.

BE CAREFUL!

Bulletin Board

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ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues.- 8:00 a.m .Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:00 p.m.- City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m.- City Hall
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD 1st Thur. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE 170 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER Mon-Fri - 8-12 noon & 12:30- 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
COFFEE COUNTY COONHUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat - 3 p.m. - Club House
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
AIRPORT AUTHORITY 1st Tuesday-12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room
AARP Meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
CIVIL AIR PATROL Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport-Driscoll hanger.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of March 25, 1997 through March 31, 1997. They were: Tishie Davis, Cynthia Hudson, Kayla Johnson, Edna Morrow, Nanna Marshall, Terry Tyson, Martha Waters, Dealen Carnley, Richard Kyles, Pharis Person, Tammy Hill, Joshua Tracey, Teddy Barnes, Tony Hamlett, Virgie Watkins, Megan Grosland, Jimmy Barrow, Edd Marshall, Violet Jones, Brenda Nelson, and Lela Tyson.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Virgie Watkins, Ethlyn Bradshaw, Edd Marshall, Megan Grosland, Brenda Nelson, Lela Tyson, Sara Smith, J. Z. Scott, Hazel Parker, Richard Kyles, John B. Johnson, Joe M. Russell, Terry Tyson, Nanna Marshall, Pharis Person, Edna Morrow, Teddy Barnes, Kayla Johnson, Tammy Hill, Joshua Tracey, Dealen Carnley, Cynthia Hudson, Tony Hamlett, Jimmy Barrow, Martha Waters, Tishie Davis.

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Congress Says Working Families Deserve Flexibility

The nation's working families, more than ever before, are walking a tightrope balancing the increasing demands of work time and personal time. Realizing this, lawmakers have voted to ease the day-to-day stress for working men and women by passing the Working Families Flexibility Act; allowing workers the choice of voluntarily choosing between overtime pay and paid leave when they work more than 40 hours a week.

Congress is concerned that hard-working Americans are finding it more and more difficult to spend time with their families. Current labor law makes it difficult for non-government employers to answer their employees' requests for more flexibility in their work schedules. In fact, federal overtime laws for private sector employees were created in 1938 — nearly 60 years ago.

The United States is a very different place today and so are the needs of our working population. The boom in technology, for one, has created greater pressures on workers to meet shorter deadlines by working longer hours. This pressure has American families caught in the middle between the increasing time demands of work and the need to spend time with their families.

Women, for example, have witnessed a dramatic change in lifestyle in the last 60 years. In 1938, most women worked in the home. Today, a majority of women not only run their households, but hold jobs outside the home. Theirs' has become the seemingly impossible task of juggling work with the needs of the family, a sick child or elderly parent. A 1994 U.S. Department of Labor report found the primary concern of 66 percent of working women with children was their lack of free time.

Given the time crunch, more Americans support the idea of increased flexibility over time-off and overtime pay. A survey by Penn & Schoen found that 75 percent of people felt having the choice between paid time off or overtime pay would enable them to better balance their responsibilities to their jobs and families.

To address worker's concerns, the Working Families Flexibility Act amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to allow private sector employers to offer their employees the option of choosing paid compensatory time in lieu of cash wages when they work overtime hours. The arrangement to use comp-time must be a mutual agreement between the employer and employee and entered into by the employee. Employees may withdraw from a comp-time agreement at any time, and can cash out any accrued time with 30 days notice to the employer. No employer can force an employee to choose between time off and overtime pay.

The Working Families Flexibility Act does not involve federal mandates, does not eliminate or change the traditional 40-hour work week, and includes worker protections and safeguards.

It is a common sense measure which only benefits America's working families and I am hopeful that it will be allowed to pass into law this year.

ELBA POLICE REPORT
MARCH 24 Thru MARCH 30, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, March 24, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one criminal mischief, five assaults, three criminal trespasses, five harassments, four thefts of property, two burglaries, two failures to appear, one damaged property, one reckless endangerment, one breaking and entering, and one robbery.

Arrests were as follows: one for criminal trespass, one for criminal mischief, one for assault, one for unauthorized use of a vehicle, one for failure to pay fine, one for harassment, and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for DUI, one for driver's license required, and one for running a stop sign.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, MARCH 24 - River stage - 6.12 feet (6:00 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on U.S. Hwy. 84W (8:14 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Larkin Road (12:01 p.m.); Burglary reported on Ann St. (3:57 p.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence (6:46 p.m.); Wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (6:54 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 25 - River stage - 5.51 feet (6:00 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to vehicle fire on Herman Driggers Drive (8:16 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Co. Rd. 410 (10:35 a.m.); Fight reported on Putnam St. (10:54 a.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (4:05 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 - River stage -5.19 feet (6:42 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (11:08 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Smith Ave. (2:44 p.m.); Wreck reported at Dorsey Trailers (9:56 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 - River stage - 5.30 feet (6:30 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Powell's Trailer Court (9:30 a.m.); Wreck reported on Tiger Drive (3:07 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 213 (8:01 p.m.); Shots fired in the Mulberry Heights area (8:18 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 167N (10:17 p.m.); Robbery reported on Harrison Dr. (11:39 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 - River stage - 4.90 feet (6:20 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (7:00 a.m.); Fight reported at the intersection of Jones and Adams streets (11:36 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Taylor Mill Road (11:53 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 - Fight reported on Adams St. (12:30 a.m.); Fight reported at Mr. Henry's (12:55 a.m.); Prowler reported on Mullins Circle (4:07 a.m.); River stage - 4.95 feet (6:434 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (6:48 a.m.); Alarm at The Jewel Box (4:48 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Co. Rd. 138 (8:23 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - River stage - 5.12 feet (6:00 a.m.); Possible prowler reported at Elba General Hospital (11:30 p.m.); Routine activity.

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AREA DEATHS

JAMES WILLIAM BRYAN

James William Bryan, age 66 of Bascom, Florida, died Tuesday, March 25, 1997 in a Dothan, Alabama hospital.

Mr. Bryan was a native of Elba, AL. He retired in 1988 as a Rural Letter Carrier with the United States Postal Service. He was preceded in death by his parents, W.W. and Maurine Wise Bryan, and brother, Gary Bryan.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 28, 1997 from the First Baptist Church of Bascom with Rev. John Dodson officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Marianna Chapel Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Hellon Bryan of Bascom, FL; a son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Sheila Bryan of Bascom, FL; a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Ray Hagan of Bascom, FL; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Waymer and Vesta Bryan of Graceville, FL, Lavonne and Ann Bryan of Bascom, FL, and Billy and Janet Bryan of Marianna, FL; two grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

ELLA MAE NEWSON

Ella Mae Newson, age 83, died recently.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 27, 1997 from the New Philadelphia COGIC of Elba, Alabama with Supt. Locarl Flowers officiating.

Burial followed in the New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery of Brundidge, AL with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include one brother, Colley Moultry; 10 children, Mary Lois Flowers of Enterprise, AL, Annie Jewel Flowers, Mattie Pearl (Eddie B.) Stoudmire, Emma Nell Ware, and Willie Edward (Shirley) Newson, all of Elba, AL, Louie Co (Lucy) Newson of Troy, AL, Ella Dean (Clarence) Wheeler and Willie Marshall (Betty) Newson, both of Brundidge, AL, Eva Nell (Kimmy) Benson of Atlanta, Georgia, and Louie Frank (Mary) Newson of St. Petersburg, Florida; 56 grandchildren; a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

CAROL CRANFORD-PHELPS

Carol Cranford-Phelps, age 36 of Warner Robins, Georgia, died recently.

Funeral services were private and Fisher Funeral Home of Cochran, GA was in charge of the arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Randal F. Phelps; her father and step-mother, Charles and Pat Cranford of Gray, GA; her mother and step-father, Dorothy and Dennis West of Warner Robins, GA; brothers and sisters, Charles R. Cranford, Stephen R. West, and Laura Davis, all of Warner, Robins, GA, Robert C. West of St. Paul, Minnesota, Lawrence M. West of Orlando, Florida; and her grandmother, Gladys Coley of Chester, GA.

PEGGY EDDINS

Peggy Eddins, age 69 of Jack, Alabama, died Saturday, March 29, 1997 in an Enterprise, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 31, 1997 from the Jack Assembly of God Church with Rev. M.L. Greene and Rev. Jimmy Eddins officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd Eddins of Jack, AL; one daughter, Ineta Parker of Jack, AL; two sons, Jimmy Eddins of Coffee Springs, AL and Larry Eddins of Jack, AL; 5 brothers, Junior Sanders, Edward Sanders, and James Sanders, all of Jack, AL, Joe Sanders of Troy, AL, and Gene Sanders of Balm, Florida; three sisters, Lucille Jackson of Jack, AL, and Nettie Ruth Pollock and Judy Sanders, both of Balm, FL; 8 grandchildren; two great grandchildren.

DR. FOY ERNEST BLUE

Dr. Foy Ernest Blue, age 64 of Florence, Alabama, died Thursday, March 27, 1997.

Dr. Blue was a native of Elba, AL. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam Harp Blue and Minnie Foley Blue of Elba, AL.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 31, 1997 from the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Rev. Marvin Ennis officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directed the service.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Blue of Florence, AL; two sisters, Peggy Blue Devane and Sammy Blue Morrow, both of Elba, AL.

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WE GET LETTERS

Dear Parents of Students in Grades 1-11:

The Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition, will be administered to students in the Elba City Schools in grades 1-11 during the month of April. Please note and post the test schedule listed below. This achievement test involves high level thinking skills in all subtest areas. Because of high stakes, we have committed ourselves to help our students do their best on the test.

Many home factors affect test-taking. Therefore, we need your help. It is very important that the students get plenty of rest the night before each test day and have a good breakfast the morning of the test. Please encourage your child to do his/her best, for these test results will become a vital part of his/her permanent academic record. Another essential test-taking factor is the frame of mind in which your child leaves home. Because family conflicts have a negative influence on a child's ability to perform academically, please make every attempt to begin each morning of the test day on a happy note. Since the test begins the first hour of the day, arriving at school on time each morning is imperative. A note of encouragement expressing confidence in your child's ability or a simple, "I believe in you. I love you!" placed in your child's bookbag, notebook, or taped to his/her steering wheel should be a great morale booster on any test day.

Sincerely,
Harriette Boyd
System Test Coordinator

Stanford Achievement Test
Grades 1-11
--Elba High School testing dates: April 15, 16, 17, 21.
--Elba Elementary School testing dates: April 9, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 30.

AEC selects youth tour winners recently

Four high school juniors from area schools have been selected winners in the annual Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) Washington Youth Tour program. The winners will represent AEC at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour program in Washington, DC, June 14-19.

Anna Curry of Andalusia High School, Leigh Kelley of Elba High School, Carrie Jernigan of Opp High School, and Clinton Ellis of Pike County High School were selected as winners following an interview and written test competition March 18 at AEC's corporate headquarters in Andalusia.

Runners-up in the Youth Tour competition were Jason Tucker of Andalusia High School, Brandee Farris of Elba High School, Lee Gatlin of Opp High School, and KanFinae Jones of Pike County High School.

The winners and runners-up will attend the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) annual meeting and youth tour program April 8-10 in Montgomery, AL. While in Montgomery, they will join other Youth Tour students from across the state in learning more about rural electric cooperatives and the cooperative concept of business. In addition, students will tour several historic sites.

Alternates in AEC's Youth Tour interview and test competition were Elba High School's first alternate Anna Head, second alternate Bonnie Vaughan, and third alternate Chad Mashburn; Opp High School's first alternate Tracey Cobb and second alternate Laura Northrop; and Pike County High School's first alternate Tamara Haire, second alternate Trista Lee, and third alternate Sidney Flournoy.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL AEC YOUTH TOUR WINNERS...Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) recently announced the winners and runners-up of its annual Washington Youth Tour program. Pictured above are (l to r) runner-up Brandee Farris and winner Leigh Kelley. Brandee receives an expense-paid trip to the Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA) annual meeting April 8-10 in Montgomery. Leigh receives an expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, June 14-19, as well as a trip to the AREA annual meeting. AEC sponsors the Youth Tour program at Andalusia High School, Elba High School, Opp High School, and Pike County High School.

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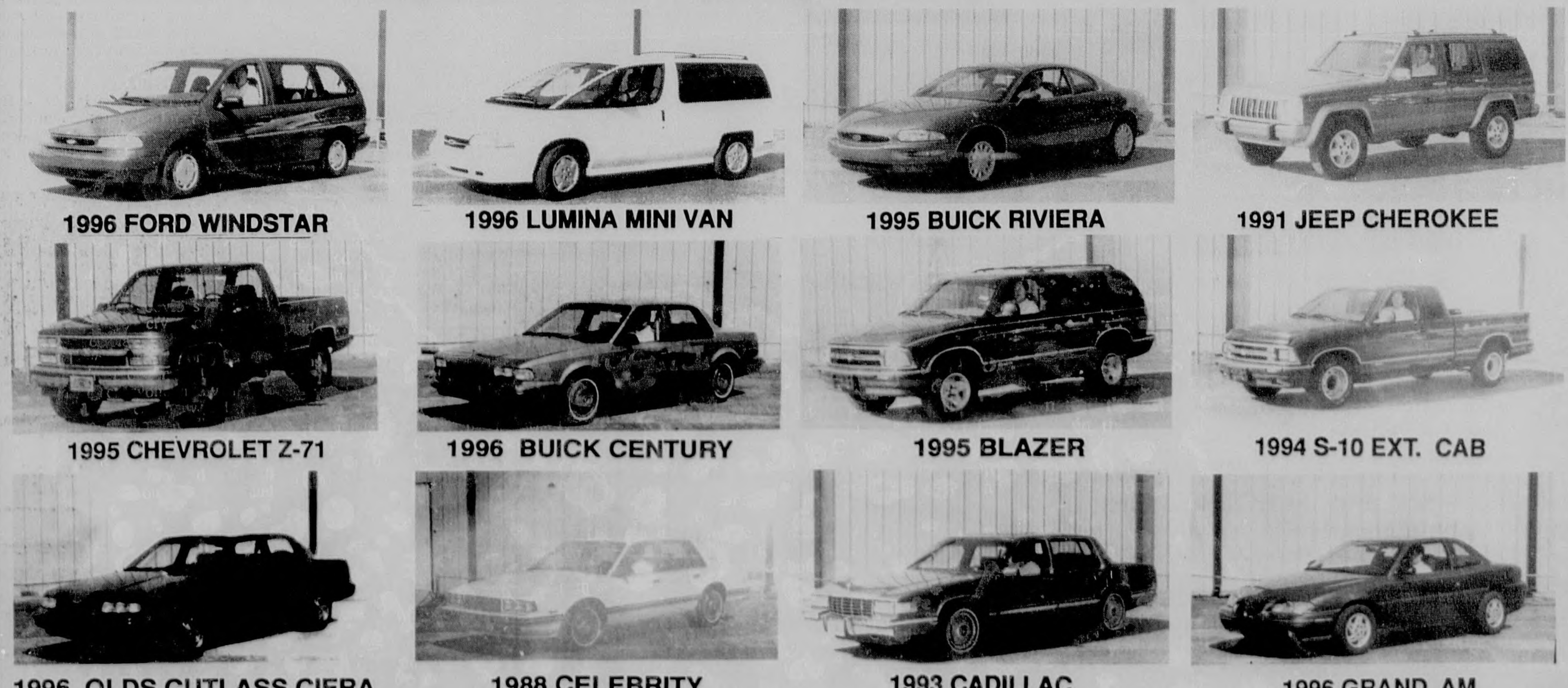

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Wallace Community College Dean's List announced

The following local students were named to the Wallace State Community College Dean's List for the Winter Quarter 1997 by earning a quarterly grade point average of 3.5 or above, but below a 4.0: Adela Marler and Michael Smith, both of Elba, AL and Jamie Bass of Jack, AL.

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Social & Community Happenings

Twentieth Century Study Club holds March meeting

The Twentieth Century Study Club met March 13, 1997 at the Elba Public Library with Debra Samuel, Mary Young, and Anne Miles as hostesses. The members and one guest were served cake and coffee.

Barbara Hudson, Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce gave an interesting and informative program on the chamber plans.

Grace Taylor called the meeting to order and led the members in reading the Club Collect. A business meeting followed.

Those present were: Carolyn Brunson, Doris Cooper, Ann Davis, Treva Driscoll, Jane Hudson, Joan Jacobs, Anne Miles, Debra Samuel, Peggy Stroud, Grace Taylor, Elaine Thompson, Ethelene Tucker, Betty Vaughn and Mary Young.

Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival to be held April 19 & 20 in Enterprise

The Piney Woods Arts Festival held annually in Enterprise will be featuring another type of art form this year. Hands-on, interactive flower arranging courses will be offered both days during the festival, Saturday and Sunday, April 19-20. Enterprise Garden Club Federation is teaching the one-and-a-half hour courses that will have about 45 minutes of lecture and demonstration. Then the students will have a hand at creating a design using the information that they have learned. There are 8 courses, ranging from beginning flower arranging to "Ikebana", oriental flower arranging. Other classes include dinner table designs, dried wreaths, live topiaries, landscaping, and large arrangements. Each class is $10 and re-registration is recommended. For more information about class times, descriptions and requirements, call 347-9724. The Piney Woods Arts Festival is held on the campus at Enterprise State Junior College. The flower design classes will be held in the college's Multi-Purpose Room.

Kyle & Kaleb Richard celebrate first birthday recently

Kyle and Kaleb Richard celebrated their 1st birthday on March 15, 1997 at McDonald's with family and friends. They are the sons of Allen and Joyce Richard of Elba. They are the grandsons of the late Sam and Ouida Grimes of Elba and Gladys Richard of Enterprise and the late J.W. Richard of Enterprise. Kyle and Kaleb have an older sister, Kelli, who is 10 years old.

Kyle & Kaleb Richard

Elba Library to hold big book sale

The Elba Public Library will be having a BIG book sale April 14-18. Hard-back books will sell for 25¢ and paper-backs for 10¢. The sale will take place in the meeting room of the library from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Kyle DuBose selected to Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Kyle Wesley DuBose of Elba has been selected for membership in Auburn University's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi national honor society.

DuBose, the son of Jim DuBose and Beth DuBose, graduated March 21 Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in building science. He plans to become a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Membership to Phi Kappa Phi is offered each quarter to the top 5 percent of the graduating students from each of AU's 13 schools and colleges.

ESJC winter quarter honor rolls announced

One hundred six ESJC students earned President's List certificates. These students obtained a 4.00 grade-point-average during the winter quarter with a course load of at least 12 hours.

Local honorees are: Vickie Deaderick and Melissa J. Dunn of New Brockton, AL; Gloria J. Parker of Elba, AL; and Jody L. Davis of Kinston, AL.

The Dean's List, also compiled at the end of every quarter, recognizes full-time students (scheduling 12 or more hours), who maintain a minimum of a 3.50 GPA during the quarter. The winter quarter list recognized 116 students.

Local honorees are: Larry Richardson and Jason Smith, both of New Brockton, AL; Amy N. DeVaughan, Pamala P. Flowers, and Connie M. Lawson, all of Elba, AL; D. L. McCollough, Stacy M. Parker, Carla A. Wambles, and Cody N. Wilson, all of Jack, AL.

Paxton Ruritan Club to have Pancake Breakfast

The Paxton Ruritan Club will have their famouss **Pancake Breakfast** Saturday, April 5, 6 - 10:30 a.m.

Cost will be $3.00 for each breakfast.

The Club is located in Paxton Florida, Highway 331, one mile south of the Alabama-Florida state line.

Cross Trails Library to have book sale

The Cross Trails Regional Library will be having a book sale on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12, 1997 in the large meeting room at the Cross Trails/Opp Public Library on Hwy. 331 North in Opp. Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, with hardback books and *National Geographics* going for 25¢ and paperbacks for 10¢. Hours for Saturday will be 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with hardcovers and *National Geographics* selling for 10¢, and paperbacks for 5¢.

Lower AL Association of Young Children Annual Conference to be held

The Lower Alabama Association of Young Children Annual Conference will be held April 19, 1997 at Enterprise State Junior College, Enterprise, AL, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The featured speaker will be Mrs. Colleen Gordon - "The Melting Pot is Boiling Over". Topics: Make and Take, Music and Motion, Early Intervention, Preschoolers, Toddlers, K-3 and After School Care, and Storytelling to name a few.

Pre-registration is $10 for members and $15 for non-members, and $20 for on-site registration. For more information call Rebecca Richter at 393-ESJC, ext. 219; Faye Roach at (334) 255-2262; or Shirley Almond at (334) 613-3475 or (334) 333-6105.

Spring BRINGS OUT THE NICEST THINGS!

Coming Up Thursday, April 10

Covington Electric Co-op
Annual Membership Meeting

Registration Starts 3:00 P.M. Entertainment Starts 5:00 P.M.
Business Session - 7:00 P.M.

You are cordially invited to attend!
Look forward to enjoying a spring-filled schedule of events and other nice things.

ENJOY GOOD, WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT provided by GOLD CITY, a Southern Gospel music group.
ENJOY VERY BRIEF REPORTS on operations of the Co-op along with the election of two members to serve three-year terms on the Board of Trustees.
ENJOY CONCESSION STANDS open for your convenience.

Gold City

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PLUS the GRAND PRIZE give-away, a 1990 FORD TRUCK shown to the left by Co-op employee Susie Adams.

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AND THERE IS MORE AND MORE! In addition to the major prizes, more than 30 smaller electric appliances and gifts will be awarded. EACH CO-OP MEMBER REGISTERING WILL RECEIVE A FREE LIGHT BULB and other useful gifts. The drawing will be held after the business session. Members must be present to win any of the six major prizes, but do not have to be present to win the other prizes.

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Parents and Children

It is the solemn obligation of parents to give their children the instruction and correction that belong to a Christian upbringing. Parents should be examples of Christian life and conduct, caring more for the salvation of their children than for their jobs, professions, ministry in the church, or social standing.

According to Paul's word in Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21, as well as God's instruction in many Old Testament passages, it is the responsibility of the parents to give their children the upbringing that prepares them for lives pleasing to God. It is the family, not the church or church school, that is primarily responsible for the Biblical and spiritual training of the children. Church and Sunday School only assist parental training.

In raising your children, parents should assure each child of his or her worth. Every child is unique. God's plan includes a role for each of us in advancing His kingdom in the world. Verbally remind your children of their distinct positions in the family. Physically demonstrate your love with hugs, kisses, and gestures of esteem. When you pray as a family, audibly thank God for each of your youngsters and His special gifts.

Parents should teach their children to respect the rights of others. Establish a line that members of your family can't cross when teasing or quarreling. Insist on a family rule of kindness, such as "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Lastly, foolishness is born in the heart of the child, therefore your children must be disciplined for wrong doings. Parents must exercise wisdom in disciplining children to prevent embarrassment as well as provoking wrath. Never fail to praise your children for through such, one's self-esteem escalates.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION NEWS

The seniors met on March 26 at the Mustard Seed Foundation to have a time of fellowship and enjoyed a luncheon. There were 12 members present: Mary Seavey, Mattie Lou Goodson, Rushia Blanton, Francis Shaboo, Mavin, Margie Smith, Sammie and Inez Wambles, Frank and Linnie McCollough. The seniors that meet at the foundation would like to invite others to come and join their fellowship. There were several members missing due to sickness.

The foundation is located in the Victoria Community on Coffee County Road #211. For more information call 897-6647 or 735-2453.

The next singing will be with the Williamson Family from Crestview, FL on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend.

Harris Temple presents women's program

The Unstoppable Women presented by Harris Temple COGIC in One Hundred Women Dressed in White on April 6, 1997 at 3:30 p.m. The speaker will be Sis. Meredith Dale of Birmingham, AL. Come witness survival strategies for today's woman.

Gospel singing to be held at Tarentum Community Center

Two of Northwest Florida's more popular Southern Gospel singing groups, Pilgrim's Promise and the Williamson Family, will be in concert on Saturday, April 12, 1997 at the Tarentum Community Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Tarentum Community Center is located on Hwy. 125 approximately six miles south of Brundidge, Alabama. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken.

The Conrads to be at True Gospel Chapel

On April 5, at 7:00 p.m., The Conrads of Dothan, AL will be singing at True Gospel Chapel, 836 Troy Hwy., Elba, AL. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free, but please bring a non-perishable item for the Outreach Ministry.

True Gospel Chapel will be having a revival April 8-10 at 7:30 each night. The evangelist will be Bobby Frison of Dothan, AL. Everyone is invited.

Harris Temple to give away free groceries

The Harris Temple COGIC Grocery Ministry will be giving out free bags of groceries to the needy on Friday, April 4, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the old Mulberry Heights School. Everyone is welcome.

Worship In The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday!

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Selected scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Thinking of you, praying for you (pray for me). Mamie Williams, Mamie Belcher, M.C. Lawrence, M.C. Jones, Marvin Richburg, Laurence Bryant, Bettye Burkes, Mary E. Holley, Eva Barrow, Robert Reynolds, Charles Hightower, Giles Hines, Pearlie Tillis, Ruby Walker, Marie Tillis, the Newson and Flowers families, Mittie B. Edwards, Alice Blue, Frank Phillips, Sr., Joe Mack Russell, Jimmie L. Lee.

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The Mulberry District Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen's Union convened with the Antioch Baptist Church, Andalusia, AL, Rev. Wendell Williams, pastor, March 30, 1997. Those attending from Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL were: Hattie Bell Carpenter, Brittany Daniels, Melissa Kelley, Vera Williams, Lucinda Carpenter, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Catheryn and Tytiana, Maria Kelley, Lydia and Tiffnay, Jana Kelley, Kimberly Rideaux, Kimberly Kelley, Ernestine Kelley, and Eria Belcher.

African American History

Youth need to know

Monthly motivation: "Thoughts have power, thoughts have energy, and you can make your world or break it by your own thinking."

Susan Taylor, Editor-in-Chief, Essence Magazine.

1868: On this day (April 1) Hampton Institute is founded in Hampton, VA.

1905: On this day (April 1) Clara McBride Hale, children's rights activist, is born.

1918: On this day (April 2) Charles White is born in Chicago, IL. He will one day be an award-winning artist.

1984: On this day (April 3) Coach John Thompson of Georgetown University becomes the first African American to win the NCAA basketball tournament.

1968: On this day (April 4) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, TN.

1937: On this day (April 5) Colin Powell, the first African American to serve as Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, is born in New York City.

African American History Calendar

Visitors

Hillre Hooks, Annie Williams, M.C. Lawrence, Robert Reynolds, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Cora D. McBride, Hattie Bell Carpenter, and Joyce Coleman, all of Elba, AL, and Taylor Gipps of Opp, AL visited Grover Belcher (who is ill) recently.

Kimberly Rideaux of Andalusia, AL is a guest of Jana Kelley, Melissa, and Kimberly Kelley for the AEA holidays.

Today is a good day. Be grateful.
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Card of Thanks

We are very thankful for the thoughtful and sympathetic acts shown from friends and neighbors during our recent loss - JANICE C. DEVANE.

It was your prayers and support that helped us through such a difficult time.

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Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street meet

It was another beautiful spring day on March 27 when the Senior Citizens of Cordelia Street met for their weekly meeting at the HRDC building on Factory Street. News was exchanged and several members were back after an absence of several weeks. Others were absent, and missed. One lady brought a huge basket of eggs and each received one filled with candy or small items. Dominos were played and all had an enjoyable time. Everyone welcomed the visitor.

A delicious lunch was served to the following: Bonnie Wesley, Frank McCollough, Louise Wambles, Rushia Blanton, Mattie Lou Goodson, Iris McDowell, Mavin Matthews, Frances Shaboo, Ailene English, Cora McBride, Mary Harris, Merle Boling, Mary Phillips, Wanda Sasser.

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Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST - Eddie Bass
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service ... 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH - A.O. Martz
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service ... 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - E. H. Hill
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 12:00noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Faron Golden
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH - Donnie Marler
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST - Bill Beck, MINISTER
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD - Lamar Dean
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Serv. ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J. E. Wesley
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Redd
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Ser. ... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Marvin Ennis
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:50 a.m.
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - J. L. Grayer
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - Randall Pearson
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH - Danny Sherrer
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kinston - Danny Bradshaw
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS - Joe B. Grimes-Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Services ... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Willie L. Peterson
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC - Pastor W. K. Ellison
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Rev. Marvin Ennis
Morning Worship ... 8:45 a.m.

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Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Rev. Walter Faulk
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:15 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Ser. ... 8:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH - Ron & Mary Stinson - Pastors
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Sunday ... 3:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service ... 5:00 p.m

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - J. R. Parks - Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Billy P. McCollough - Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS - Jimmy Bryan - Minister
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Tues. Prayer Service ... 7:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH - Richard Moss
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Rev Eddie Davis
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

MULBERRY HGTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST - R. B. Williams
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION - Mary Seavey
Sunday Morning Services ... 10:30 a.m
Evening Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service ... 5:00 p.m

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. - Hirron, Linda Williams
Sunday ... 10 & 11 a.m.
Sun. Even. ... 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Even ... 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Even. ... 7:30 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH - Culon Davis
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST - Ben McKee
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST - Elbert Smith
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study ... 5:00 p.m
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST - Alfred Ikner
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed Eve. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH - Charlie Shields
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m
Prayer Meeting ... 6:30 p.m

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Jack Wilkes
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - J. C. Turner
Sunday School ... 10.00a.m.
Morn Worship ... 11.00a.m.
Even. Worship ... 7:00p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ... 7:00p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - Lorearl Flowers
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH - A .R. Williams
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Ser. ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME - Rev. F. L. Flowers
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon. ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH - Campbell Sasser
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. ... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH - Ben Amlong
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - Tony Dye
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. ... 7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH - Danny Maddox
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kenneth Hagler
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv ... 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST - Seabren Wooten
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH - Mike Medley
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH - Raymond Miller
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Serv. ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH - Nathan Johnson
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Serv. ... 7:00 p.m.

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Seniors of the Week

by Kayron Whitworth

Jessica Dunn - Jessica is the daughter of Douglas Dunn and Carol Marshall. Her hobbies include working, going out with her boyfriend, playing with pets, and talking on the phone. Jessica is a member of VICA, FBLA, Sr. Beta, and Maple Avenue Baptist Church. Her goals for the remainder of the year are to get a scholarship and a high GPA. After high school Jessica plans to attend college and major in Radiology.

Mandy Knighten - Mandy is the daughter of Bobby Knighten and Charlotte Register. Her hobbies include talking on the phone, Karate, watching television, and going out with her boyfriend. Mandy is a member of VICA, FBLA, Sr. Beta, and Elba Deliverance Tabernacle. Her goals for the remainder of the year are to make good grades and rank within the top 10 of her class. After high school she plans to attend college and become a Physical Therapist

Tiger Tales

CARLA GRAY
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Have You Ordered...

by: Mandy Taylor

Have you ordered your 1996-97 yearbook? Please order one today. This Elbala will be the 46th edition to be produced by Elba High School. Forty six years is what most teenagers think of as ancient. For anything to go on year after year for forty six years is an accomplishment.

The present staff does not want to see a forty six year old tradition lost. The student body of E.H.S. does not want that to happen. Imagine your future without a record of your school days. Imagine trying to plan a class reunion without a yearbook to recall names and faces. If you are not the sentimental type and the reminiscing does not move you, imagine this. There would be no record of the great accomplishments you made at E.H.S. to show your children and grandchildren.

The Elbala only cost $25.00, which is a bargain. The price has not gone up since 1990, and you can not find any other article that has not increased in price since 1990! The staff asks once again, PLEASE order your 1996-97 Elbala today.

Do we have another Edgar Allan Poe in our midst? Walt Russell, a junior in Mrs. Padgett's advanced English class, coined the following words while the class was studying Poe's poems and short stories.

Transitory

by Walt Russell

By inferno's light, in paradise's end,
I learned how to fight, I learned how to lust.
It's a virtue I've found that can cause a little harm,
It's a virtue I've lost through the silence of alarms.
Apathy is sympathy twice removed,
Apathy is a symphony from my immortal beloved.

In purgatory's shadow, behind inferno's dawn,
I taught myself to loath, to do myself wrong.
It's a sin, I know, I've been here before.
It's a sin, to show love if you're under a score.

By paradise's slumber, passing purgatory's dusk,
I stopped to love, not to lust.
The rage was over, now tattered, broken, and torn.
My rage had ended so that I might be reborn.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Andy Daugherty - is the son of Pete and Pat Daugherty. Andy enjoys working and playing Nintendo. He is a member of SGA, and VICA. The things that Andy likes about EHS are coming to school and associating with his friends.

Garret Boutwell - is the son of Jeff and Dixie Boutwell. Garret's hobbies are playing football and partying. He is an active member in Mu Alpha Theta and FBLA. He is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church. The thing that he likes about EHS is getting to see Coach Killingsworth everyday.

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Which of The Freedoms...

by: Mandy Taylor

Which of the freedoms given by the Bill of Rights do you most cherish? Freedom of speech may be the most frequent answer to the question, but history has proven freedom of speech may create problems for you. Have you ever said something and wished you had not? The right to assemble is another valued freedom and especially when you are planning a parade or party, but that gathering may also have problems attached. Freedom of the press is important, but what about the articles printed which are inaccurate and damaging? The right to bear arms is strongly supported by some people, but we are aware of the lives taken by weapons. The right to a trial by jury is basic to our judicial system, but juries have made mistakes.

Is there a freedom that does not include mistakes, regrets, and problems? The answer is no. There is a precious freedom that if used correctly is more rewarding and less damaging. The freedom of religion. Approaching the most important Sunday in the Christian year, Easter, makes us thoughtful of this freedom. Religion is a personal freedom and the practice of our religion varies. Even which religion we follow varies, but the wonderful fact is that we have the freedom to choose.

If we were told we had to give up one of our freedoms granted by the Bill of Rights, which one would you choose to forfeit? We should be forever grateful that we live in a nation where we do not have to make that choice. We should not take our freedoms lightly for millions have died protecting our freedoms. During Easter, let us choose to use our freedom of religion and worship in the church of our choice. Let us thank God for our freedoms.

How Do You Feel

by Shan'Ta

Ayida Cumberland - I love it! It gives me enough time to get my grades to what I want it to be. It also gives me enough time to learn more about certain subjects. Especially in English.

Tonya Johnson - I like it. I remember all the homework with just 4 classes. It's pretty cool.

Gayla Long - I like it because I can keep up with most of my work, but sitting in class for so long can kind of get old.

Sha-Kira Stephens - I like block scheduling. It seems to get me through the day quicker.

Jennifer Mills - I like it. I don't get bored with the same classes all year.

Tamicka Tanks - I think block scheduling is doing just fine right now but the classes are too long.

Oneida Davis - I like block scheduling because the classes are longer but I have all fun classes and we don't have but 4 classes.

Cammie Kelley - At first I didn't know, but I like it. It's not really all that different.

Math Tourney

Elba High School was invited to attend the 17th annual Tri-state Math and Computer Science Olympiad. It was held at Wallace College in Dothan, Thursday March 20, 1997. The purpose of the tournament is to recognize outstanding mathematics students and to foster interest in mathematics among high school students. Tabitha Schultz, Neil Grantham, Julie Fuller, Wayne Reed, James Coleman, and Linda Gideon competed in the Pre-Algebra Competition. Amanda Breerenstrauch, Bethany Dye, Aaron Coleman, Valiece Moore, Summer Larry, and Tasha McDonald competed in the Algebra I competition. Shanna Tillis, R. J. Larry, Raeann McCollough, Vaughan Boyd, Leslie Stinson, and Aaron Holland competed in the Geometry competition. Marsha Mauldin, Daniel Murdock, Mica Fanning, Julie Roberson and Jake Cowen competed in the Algebra II competition. Brandee Farris, Walt Russell, Misty Kelley, Anna Head, and Bonnie Vaughan competed in the Advanced Math competition. Trent Calhoun, Jason Jordon, Renae Nicholson, and D'Undray Peterson competed in the Comprehensive competition. Elba High School has also been invited to attend a Math tournament at ESJC April 18, 1997. Congratulations to all the students!

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* *Honor Band Festival* *

Pictured above are (l-r): seated - Shasta Simons, Laura Williams, and Beth Leverett; standing - Danielle Richards and Tessa Hall.

by Amber Shiver

Danielle Richards, Laura Williams, Shasta Simmons, Beth Leverett, and Tessa Hall Zion Chapel juniors, recently ranked among the top fifteen members of the symphonic bands at the Montevallo Honor Band Festival.

Each of the band students competed against a number of other band students for a position in the Montevallo Symphonic Bands. During the chair tryouts, the students were required to play scales, a prepared piece, and a sightread piece. A prepared piece is a piece chosen by the student and a sightread piece is a piece chosen by the judges. After the students competed in this round of competition, the winners for positions in the symphonic bands were announced.

The students from Zion Chapel ranked high in the finalists for this festival. Tessa Hall earned a seventh chair standing in the Wind Symphony, which is the highest honor band at the festival. Danielle Richards earned a fifth chair standing in the trumpet section of the Symphonic Band. Beth Leverett earned a first chair standing in the section of baritone-saxophone in the Symphonic Band. Shasta Simmons earned a seventh chair standing and Laura Williams earned an eleventh chair standing in the flute section of the Symphonic Band.

The festival was held at Montevallo University in Montevallo, Alabama on March 13-15. The competition opened with a performance by the University of Montevallo Wind Ensemble. The students were also entertained by the University of Montevallo Faculty Wind and Brass Quintets.

Jumping Rope For Heart

by Heather Vaughan

Zion Chapel Elementary students contacted friends, neighbors, and family members to sponsor the youngsters in the Jump Rope For Heart event held recently.

Jump Rope For Heart, Physical Education, and Recreation and Dance are joint projects of the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health. Jump Rope For Heart involves students in the fight against cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and strokes. Cardiovascular disease is American's number one killer. Participants also learned the value of an active lifestyle and competed for prizes. Prizes were awarded according to the amount of money each student raised.

"Our students want to raise $1,500," said Mrs. Kayre Donnelly, who is the Jump Rope For Heart coordinator and Zion Chapel's physical education teacher.

More than 200 students participated in the event. They joined the ranks of 8 million students who have raised more than $300 million since 1979 to support American Heart Association research and education and community service programs.

The American Heart Association spent more than $236 million during fiscal year 1994-95 for research support, public and professional education, and community programs. With more than 4 million volunteers, the AHA is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease and stroke, which annually kill more than 950,000 Americans.

Coffee County Schools Menu
April 7 - 11, 1997

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Poptart, Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Monday - Hamburgers or Hotdogs, Baked Onion Rings, Baked Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Juice Bar, Milk.
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - BBQ Sandwich or Fish Nuggets, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Rice, Fresh Fruit, Cookie, Milk.
Wednesday - Pancake Pups, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Lemon Baked Chicken or Baked Ham, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Choc. Cake, Rolls, Canned Fruit, Milk.
Thursday - Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Corndog Nuggets or Steak Sandwich, Breaded Squash, String Beans, Cornbread, Fresh Fruit, Cookie, Milk.
Friday - Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Friday - Pizza or Hoagie, Veg. Sticks w/Dip, Whole Kernel Corn, Canned Fruit, Milk.

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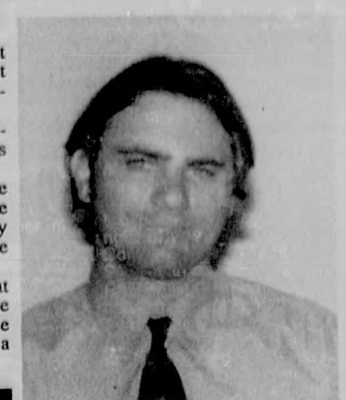

by Twanna Haynes

Mr. Peter Greg Bezeredi, a student at Troy State University, is interning at Zion Chapel High School. His supervising teacher is Mrs. Jackie Jinright.

Mr. Bezeredi is from Orlando, Florida and is the oldest of two children. His sister, Sarah is 19 years old.

Mr. Bezeredi has earned an Associate of Art degree in Business from Seminole Community College and has previously been majoring in Science Education. He is expecting to graduate May 30, 1997.

Mr. Bezeredi says that everyone at Zion Chapel has been very nice since he began interning. After he graduates, he plans to become a science teacher and a baseball coach in Georgia.

SALUTE

Students' Career Research

by Julie Carter

Zion Chapel Co-op students, under the instruction of Mrs. Stacy Coale, researched careers and wrote reports on them. The purpose of the assignment was for students to learn more about a specific career.

The report was divided into eight different sections which contained detailed information. The Description of Career section contained detailed information about tasks. The Education/Training Needed for Job section contained information about college and technical schools, the courses required, and training needed. The Skills/ Aptitudes/ Abilities Needed section contained information about abilities or aptitudes, type of personality, and values needed. The Work Environment section contained information about conditions and surroundings of work site, usual work hours, and geographic location. The Expected Earnings section contained information about the starting salary, fringe benefits, and how experience influences the starting salary. The Duties and Responsibilities section contained information about exactly what a person working in the specific career would be doing on a day-to-day basis. The Advancement Opportunities section contained information about moving up in the career and what is required for the move, such as advanced education. The Job Outlook section contained information about where the specific career would be in 5-10 years.

The reports were graded on their content, clarity, and correctness. Each section earned a set number of points, after being calculated one point was taken away for each error to produce the final grade.

Fire Demo

by Vanessa McCraney

The Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department demonstrated the equipment they use and the actions they take on the job to Zion Chapel Elementary students. The volunteers that participated were Glen Gatlin, who is the Fire Chief, and Chris Carnley. They brought the fire truck and explained fire safety to the students. Mr. Gatlin and Mr. Carnley also explained to the students the safety of knowing an escape route and procedures to take in the event of a fire.

An education is something that can't be taken away from you!
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FFA Meets

by Courtney Moran

The March meeting of the Zion Chapel Chapter of FFA did not follow a formal agenda. Mr. John McCrory, FFA advisor, lead the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss planning the banquet and to practice for the contests that will be held soon. This year's FFA has had more students participating in events such as land judging and tractor driving. If the students participating win at the county competition they will then go on to district competition which will be held April 18.

After discussing and planning the banquet the members divided into groups to practice for the upcoming county contest. The sound of the bell adjourned the informal meeting.

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Seniors Hear ESJC Speaker

by Twanna Haynes

Mrs. Robin Wyatt, head of admissions at Enterprise State Junior College spoke to the Zion Chapel seniors. Her purpose was to encourage them to consider attending ESJC.

Mrs. Wyatt explained to the students the importance of getting some kind of training after high school so that they would have a good chance of earning a decent living. She gave the students some handouts detailing the costs of attending ESJC, as well as some other colleges in Alabama. Mrs. Wyatt also gave the students handouts about the clubs offered at ESJC and information about types of financial aid offered at ESJC.

Some of the clubs that are offered at ESJC are the African American Club, which has really excelled this year, and Phi Theta Kappa, which is an organization designed to spotlight all the honor students at ESJC.

Federal Pell Grants, Federal Work-Study (FWS), and Stafford Loans are offered as financial aide for students attending ESJC. Federal Pell Grants are based on the student's financial need and are not required to be repaid. This year, the maximum amount of a Pell Grant is $2,470.00. Federal Work-Study (FWS) offers students the opportunity to work on the ESJC campus approximately 20 hours per week. Stafford Loans are available from banks, credit unions, and other lending institutions and must be repaid.

Mrs. Wyatt told the students about the types of scholarships offered at ESJC and the qualifications that must be met in order to receive the scholarships. She explained that, at ESJC, there is no limit on the number of scholarships that a student who is planning to attend ESJC may apply for.

Ending her talk, Mrs. Wyatt conducted a drawing for two ESJC t-shirts. The winners of the shirts were seniors Bridget Money and Julie Carter.

—Lady Rebels Softball—

Rebels Vs Cats

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels were recently defeated by the Ariton Lady Purple Cats in a double header.

In the first game, the Lady Purple Cats grabbed an early lead in the top of the first inning by scoring seven runs. However, the Lady Rebels showed off their defence when Bridget Money caught a fly ball hit into left field then got a runner out at second.

The Rebel defense was hard at work during the second inning, allowing the Purple Cats to score only two runs. In the bottom of the second inning, Tina Johnson and Wyndi Rugg scored two runs for the Lady Rebels making the score 9 to 2.

In the fourth inning, the Purple Cats hit the Rebels with setback by scoring 11 runs, which most were due to Rebel errors.

In the top of the final inning, the Rebels stopped the Purple Cats by getting a quick "three up, three down." In the bottom of the inning, the Rebels started pulling together and as a result, Kendra Ward, Dana Boggess, Heather Danley, Heather Vaughan, and Rebecca Kidd scored one run each to make the final score 20 to 7.

The second game was an even greater upset as the Purple Cats benefited from the tired and weakened Lady Rebel defense.

The first inning was fairly slow with the Purple Cats scoring four runs and Kendra Ward scoring one run for the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Purple Cats began the second inning by scoring three runs, but Bridget Money helped stop Ariton by catching a fly ball hit into left field. The Lady Rebels defense managed to close the inning by getting runners out at first and second base. The Lady Rebels were hitting good in the bottom of the second inning, however no runs were scored. Lady Rebel Rebecca Kidd, got an unfortunate out as her fly ball, which was hit into left-center field, was caught by a Purple Cat.

Due to the Lady Rebel defense, the Purple Cat offense was unable to score any runs in the top of the third inning. The Rebels showed off their offense in the bottom of the inning by scoring a few runs of their own. Bridget Money, Courtney Moran, and Felicia Williams each scored one run for the Rebels making the score 7 to 3.

Ariton received their first out of the fourth inning as Kendra Ward caught a fly ball hit into center field. The Rebel defense worked hard allowing the Purple Cats to score only two runs.

In the fifth inning, the Purple Cats scored three runs and the Lady Rebels scored one run. The Rebels got a big disappointment in the final inning as Ariton scored 12 runs, mostly due to errors by the Rebel defense. The Lady Rebels were able to score only one run in this inning to make the score 24 to 6.

Rebels Vs Tigers

by Brian Sullivan

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebel softball team recently faced off in a double header against the Samson Lady Tigers.

The first game ended in the fifth inning when the Lady Tigers outscored the Lady Rebels 13 to 1. The Rebels' point was contributed by Dana Boggess, who hit the ball into left field and scored off of an error by the Lady Tigers' third baseman.

The second game proved to be more exiting than the first with the help of an early lead. Bridget Money and Kristie Roberts scored two quick runs with the help of a double base hit from Courtney Moran. The Lady Rebels played a good defense and kept the game close. Heather Danley managed to add one more point to the Rebel score off an error made by the Samson second baseman. In the top of the fifth inning Kristie Roberts got a base hit. The Lady Rebels were able to make two quick runs as a result of Bridget Money's in the park homerun. However, in the bottom of the fifth inning they began to break down. Samson scored five more runs to make the final score 12 to 5.

"We played very hard, especially during the second game. We believe that if we continue to play this hard and harder, we will pull off many wins in the future," said one Lady Rebel.

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Sports

Views from The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We had the AEA holidays all planned out early this year and it looked like Mom and Dad would get a few days by themselves as Melissa was set for a trip to South Carolina and Melanie was heading for Mobile. Well, Melissa left bright and early the first day of vacation, but Melanie's plans were changed at the last minute when Granddaddy got sick and had to go the doctor. The peace and quiet would have been nice; however, I for one always prefer having my kids, noisy though they may be, under the same roof with me.

ELBA TIGERS DROP FOUR OF FIVE AS RECORD TAKES DIVE

The Elba Tigers hit the field for five games last week and lost four of the five to see their record for the season drop to 4-8. The Tigers opened the week with a big 14-3 win over Brantley, but suffered a tough 4-2 area loss to Rehobeth and later in the week took it on the chin from Daleville 12-1 and from Enterprise 14-3 and 18-8. The three lopsided losses at the end of the week hurt more than just the players pride, and it will be interesting to see what kind of changes may be in store.

The Tigers' pitching had been a source of consistency throughout the early part of the season, but it fell apart last week with more than a little help from its teammates on defense. It seemed like when the pitchers made a good pitch and got a big out, an error or a missed assignment would happen, and it also seemed like when the pitchers had things going their way they would walk a batter and then give up a big hit.

The season is a long way from being over and the Tigers have the talent to make a run at the playoffs; however, if the Tigers don't get some leadership and quit making errors, the season may end a lot sooner than expected!

ELBA LADY TIGERS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE IN SOFTBALL

The Elba Lady Tigers lost two of three games last week to watch their record drop to 3-6, with both losses being lopsided games to cross-county rival New Brockton. The Lady Tigers avenged an early-season loss in a win over Samson and appeared ready to settle down, but then fell flat against New Brockton and may have played as bad as any Elba girl's softball team in the history of the sport. The Lady Tigers looked more like 10 individuals than a team in both losses, and unless the girls work things out soon, there may be more days like the one the players, coaches and fans suffered through last week.

COLLINS RESIGNATION IS NOT WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

When David Collins resigned last week as the head football coach at Zion Chapel High School many of the so-called Rebel football fans were thrilled that the coach that had only 14 players and lost every game but one last year had decided to go. Time will tell what impact the resignation will have, but I don't think it will do anything but hurt the school's already struggling football program. Coach Collins had told me about his plans to play a junior varsity football schedule next season and not compete for the playoffs, and it sounded like a very good idea that would have paid dividends on down the line. Sure, many of the Rebel fans would have hooped and howled about not having a "real" team, but in the long run the youngsters that would have missed a year's worth of beatings would have matured as athletes and men, and might have very well led the program back to where it should be. There is no doubt that there are very real problems at Zion Chapel involving its overall athletic program and that changes have to be made. However, the change planned by Collins, as radical as it might have seemed, was at least an attempt at a long range solution. The problem didn't occur overnight, and it won't disappear overnight. I just hope everyone involved will do one thing - with that being what is best for the student-athletes, and keep personal feelings out of the picture.

IN CLOSING....

The Zion Chapel baseball team defeated New Brockton last week for its first win of the season, and all the players and Coach Matt Rogers are to be commended. The Rebels only have nine players left on the team after some personal problems caused some players to leave the team, and of the nine at least two are 8th graders. The losses have been bad, and the kids and Coach Rogers have suffered, but the win made all the pain disappear, and restored my faith that hard work does indeed pay off.

Tigers whip Brantley for third time

Elba bullies Bulldogs 14-3

The Elba Tigers exploded for 11 runs in their final two at-bats last Monday afternoon to post a lopsided 14-3 win over the Brantley Bulldogs, in Brantley.

The win evened Elba's record at 4-4, and was the Tigers third win over the Bulldogs this season.

The Tigers grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Dustin Stinson led off with a single and later scored on a passed ball; however, Brantley hung close and trailed only 3-2 after two innings.

Kevin Dodd got the only Elba hit in the third inning for the Tigers, but Elba combined the hit with three walks, three passed balls and five stolen bases to score three runs and extend its lead to 6-2.

Derek Marler collected a single and a triple in the fourth inning to highlight an Elba outburst that resulted in seven Tiger hits and eight runs, pushing Elba's lead to 14-2.

Brantley added a lone run in the bottom of the frame; however, the late score did little but change the final score as Elba claimed the easy 14-3 victory.

Dustin Stinson, Ronnie Davis, Derek Marler and Kevin Dodd all got 2 hits for Elba in the win, while Marler also chalked up the win on the mound by allowing only 3 hits in four innings of work.

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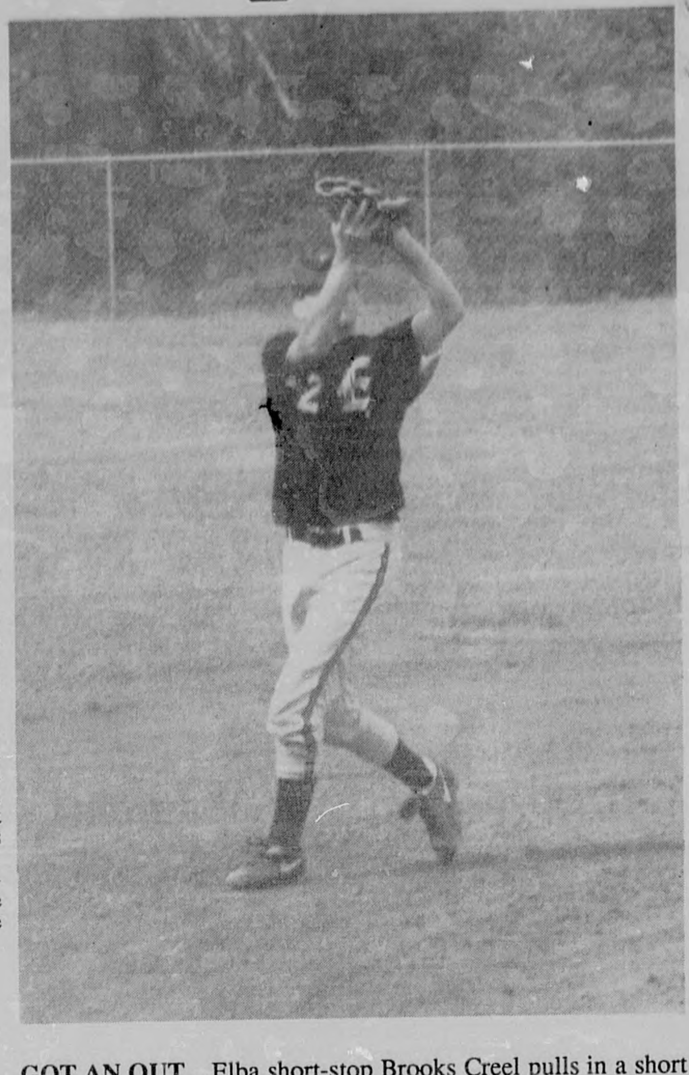

GOT AN OUT....Elba short-stop Brooks Creel pulls in a short pop-up during a recent Tiger win. Elba will return to action next week with an area battle against Headland on April 8.

Rehobeth slips past Elba 4-2

The Elba Tigers hosted the Rehobeth Rebels on Tuesday afternoon in a key Area match-up and saw a late rally fall short as the Rebels escaped with an important 4-2 win.

The loss left the Tigers with a 4-5 record, 0-1 in Area action, while Rehobeth improved to 10-3, 2-0 in Area competition.

Elba's batters failed to get anything going in the opening three innings as the only hit for Elba was a single by Josh Dawkins; however, Tiger pitcher Josh Dawkins was also in charge on the mound and limited the Rebels to three hits as the score remained 0-0 after three innings of play.

Rehobeth combined three hits with two walks and a key Elba error to take a 4-0 lead in the top of the fourth, but the Tigers bounced right back in the bottom of the inning, and chopped the lead in half at 4-2!

A one-out single by Derek Marler ignited the Elba rally, while a single by Todd McKee and a double by Josh Dawkins both knocked in runs to put the Tigers back in the game.

Elba threatened again in the bottom of the seventh inning when Josh Dawkins and Troy Bryan both opened the inning with base hits; however, both runners were left stranded as the Tigers took the loss 4-2.

Josh Dawkins got 3 hits and collected two rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, and also pitched a complete game, allowing seven hits.

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Daleville spanks Tigers 12-1

The Elba Tigers traveled to Daleville on Thursday night and saw an early 1-0 lead evaporate almost immediately as the Warhawks scored early and often to bury the Tigers 12-1.

The Tigers came out hitting against the Warhawks and grabbed an early 1-0 lead when Ronnie Davis doubled and scored on an rbi single by D'Undray Peterson.

The lead proved to be short-lived; however, as Daleville pounded out six hits in the bottom of the first to take a 7-1 advantage, and easily rolled to the lopsided 12-1 win.

Ronnie Davis got one hit and scored the only Elba run to lead the Tigers at the plate, while Brooks Creel took the mound loss as he allowed seven runs and seven hits in three innings of work.

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Wildcat bats too hot as Tigers drop double-header 14-3, 18-8

The Elba Tigers hosted the Enterprise Wildcats in a Saturday afternoon double-header and watched as their losing streak reached four games after a pair of lopsided losses by the scores of 14-3 and 18-8.

The losses dropped Elba's record to 4-8, while Enterprise improved to 9-5 with the wins.

Following are highlights of both games:

ENTERPRISE 14
ELBA 3

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, but had little else to cheer about as the Enterprise Wildcats came roaring back to blast the Tigers 14-3, in the opening game of the twin-bill.

Elba struck first in the bottom of the first inning when Derek Marler doubled and scored on an rbi single by D'Undray Peterson, only to see the Wildcats bounce back in the top of the second as they combined four hits with three errors to take a 4-1 advantage.

Enterprise rattled the fences for four doubles and a home-run in the top of the third as its lead went to 12-1, and although the Tigers added two late runs, it made no difference as Enterprise posted the 14-3 win.

Derek Marler ripped two doubles and scored two runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Ronnie Davis took the mound loss as he allowed eight hits and 10 runs in three innings of work.

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ENTERPRISE 18
ELBA 8

The Elba Tigers swung the bats with their visitors from Enterprise for four innings in the second game of the double-header. However, the Wildcats swung theirs throughout the game, as they left town with a wild 18-8 win and a sweep of the double-header.

Neither team scored in the opening inning, but it proved to be the only inning without runs crossing the plate, as Enterprise scored three runs in the second on three hits to grab an early 3-0 advantage.

Three walks and two fielder's choices allowed the Tigers to chop the lead to 3-2 in the bottom of the second, but the Wildcats continued to hit in the third and added two runs to push their lead to 5-2.

Doubles by Ronnie Davis, D'Undray Peterson and Dustin Stinson all drove in runs for Elba in the bottom of the frame as the Tigers caught the 'Cats at 5-5.

The excitement quickly changed dugouts; however, as Enterprise plated six runs on only four hits in the fourth to take a commanding 11-5 lead over the stunned Tigers.

A three-run homer by Derek Marler in the bottom of the inning pulled the Tigers within 11-8, but it was the final runs the Tigers would score, while Enterprise never missed a beat and rolled to the wild 18-8 win.

Derek Marler got 2 hits and knocked in two runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Ronnie Davis also added 2 hits and Josh Dawkins and D'Undray Peterson both scored two runs. Josh Dawkins took the loss for Elba on the mound as he allowed 8 runs on 10 hits through four innings of work.

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Elba Dixie Youth Baseball League holds annual player draft

The Elba Dixie Youth Baseball League held its annual player draft last week, with six teams taking part.

Following are complete team rosters, including coaches:

MARLINS
Coach Lyn Edmondson
Brady Peters, Macon Hodge, Pasco Lindsey, Jarred Flowers, Zach Legg, Chris Summerlin, Sam Wambles, Jamey White, Brandon Arnold, Jonah Edmondson, Michael Rayburn, Jason Danley, Jeremy Eddins.

BRAVES
Coach Mike Capps
Colby Capps, Andy Waddail, Andy Kelley, Jessie Thigpen, Trent Baker, Timothy Daniels, Joseph Falls, Freddy Mallory, Justin Allen, Kyle English.

CARDINALS
Coach Rob Curran
Bill Bludsworth, Adam Carter, Matthew Curran, Brett Horton, Randall Crawford, Brandon Wilson, Chris Brunson, Jason Curran, Julian Coleman, Joseph Chandler, Marcus Henderson.

ATHLETICS
Coach Rachel Moore
Reese Stricklin, Derrick Thomas, Ralston Moore, Chase Davis, Mark Brunson, Benjamin Dye, Blake Lambert, Brandon Petty, Chris Byfield, Dannie Weston, Brandon Sims.

ROYALS
Coach Johnny Simmons
Tyler Simmons, Layton Griffin, Joseph Sawyer, Eric Bowers, Justin Thomas, Brian Allums, Lance Wood, Derek Evans, Ozzie Crawford, Chad Hollis.

DIAMOND BACKS
Coach Jody Stuckey
Channon Stuckey, Jody McCormick, Mitch Downing, Dray Haynes, Daniel Hernandez, Josh White, Melanie McGlothin, Tyler Hyatt, Matthew Downing, Tommy Adkison, Josh Strickland, Lannoris Smith.

Dixie Minor teams set for action after player draft sets rosters

The Elba Dixie Minor Baseball League held its annual player draft last week, with six teams taking part in the event.

Following are complete team rosters, including coaches:

BREWERS
Coach Doug Turnbull
Brandon Farris, Kaleb Dyess, Jessie Schultz, Jonathan Lockett, Chadwick Boutwell, Doug Turnbull, Marquize Tyson, Luke Taylor, Alex Hudson, Curtis Chandler, Kevin Parks, Matthew Snell, Derrick Manning, Justin West.

DEVIL RAYS
Coach Mike McGuire
Duke Carr, Hunter McGuire, Jauan Starks, Chase Boutwell, Kristopher Warren, Billy Crawford, Stefaun Burks, Josh Boutwell, Adam Spicer, Taylor McGuire, Aaron Harrelson, Alex Benbow, Alan Maddox, Timothy Jackson.

SOX
Coach Aubrey Williams
Todd Kelley, Chad Williams, Erik Larry, Justin Williams, Lance Cross, Timothy Boggess, Rashad Robinson, Rashad Bilah, Alex Hutchinson, Chase Graham, Lewis Johnson, Aubrey Williams, Brett Larry, Shawn Abbott.

PHILLIES
Coach Marty Catrett
Jason Walden, William Carpenter, Reymar Rogers, Drew Parker, Dustin Rhoades, Richard Barlow, Brandon Baldwin, Bradley Bane, Adam Walden, Ryan Gibbs, Christopher Brown, Jerod Parker, Leonard Grantham, Mason Gulley.

RED SOX
Coach Tommy Adams
B.J. Perry, Matthew Hattaway, Heath Downing, Wesley McCormick, Daniel Parker, Adam White, Luke Simmons, Tad Adams, Lucas Richardson, Derrick Cook, Zachary Strickland.

DODGERS
Coach Mark Donaldson
Shawn Brown, Brett Parrish, Drew Donaldson, Brandon Dalrymple, Steven Hines, Jonathan Bryant, Mark Windham, John Sawyer, Ted Eubanks, Justin Allums, Josh Allums.

The Coffee County Board of Education announces that applications are now being accepted for the following vacancy:

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Coffee County Board of Education
Rodger K. Bowden, Superintendent
400 Reddoch Hill Road
Elba, Alabama 36323
2. Questions may be addressed to either:
Rodger K. Bowden, Supt. **Coffee County School System** (334) 897-5016 (OR) **Dr. Linda Ingram, Principal** **Zion Chapel High School** (334) 897-6275
3. Applications will be received through Thursday, April 17, 1997.
4. Initial screening will be conducted by the principal.
5. Interviews for selected applicants will be conducted by the principal and/or superintendent.
6. The superintendent will make recommendations to the Board for action.
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LOOKS INSIDE TO ME....Elba Lady Tiger Leigh Kelley watches as a pitch sails inside during recent softball action. The Lady Tigers rallied to defeat Samson last week as Kelley ripped a home-run. Elba will host Highland Home next Tuesday at 4:00 at Hawkins-Williams Park.

David Collins resigns head football post at Zion Chapel High School

David Collins' five-year struggle to return the Zion Chapel High School football program to its former spot atop the small school ranks came to an unexpected end last week when the popular Rebel coach announced his resignation.

Collins, a native of Dothan, served as an assistant coach at Zion Chapel for two years under Johnny Sanders in 1976-77, then assumed the head coaching duties in 1978.

The Rebels posted a total of 16 wins under the guidance of Coach Collins over the next two seasons and made a trip to the state playoffs in 1979, but slipped slightly in 1980 and saw their record dip to 3-7.

Collins left the post at Zion Chapel following the 1980 season and moved into the 6A ranks, where he was an assistant at Selma High School in 1981 and an assistant at Dothan High School in 1982-1984.

After spending seven years away from coaching, Collins was lured back onto the gridiron in 1991 to serve as a volunteer assistant at Zion Chapel, and the very next season Collins was back in command with the Rebels.

The former Rebel coach was brought back to resurrect the once-proud Zion Chapel football program, and although his 1992 team failed to win a game, the Rebels once again began to make noise in the 1A ranks and over the next three years posted 12 wins and began turning the program back around.

The 1996 football season was one in which pre-season problems led to one of the school's smallest teams ever, and eventually led to the resignation of one the school's most successful coaches.

"During my first stint at Zion Chapel it was a country school filled with hard-working country kids that loved the game of football and took pride in the tradition that had been established over the years," stated Collins. "The players that took the field during my second stint at Zion Chapel were in kindergarten the last time the Rebels had a winning season in football. They grew up watching Zion Chapel lose, and expected to lose in football when it was their turn to play."

"When I returned in 1992 the football program at Zion Chapel High School was dead," said Collins. "There were four kids that said they were coming out for football and five others that said they would think about playing. I visited the homes of the students to talk with their parents, and with the help of many people and many former players we managed to have 46 kids out for football when we gathered for pre-season camp."

"That season we had around 30 players by the time the season started," remembered Collins, "and while we failed to win a game, we dressed out mostly eighth and ninth graders and set the tone for the years that followed. We went 4-6 the second year and 5-5 the following season, and Zion Chapel was no longer an easy win for anyone in the 1A ranks."

"In 1995 our record slipped to 3-6," said Collins, "and while we still had some talent, the team lacked the leadership needed to win in a team sport. Last year we fielded a competitive team in the spring and defeated New Brockton in a jamboree, but by the time fall rolled around we were down to only 14 varsity players, which included three eighth graders. The loss of players was due to various reasons, including players that failed to attend the required number of pre-season practice sessions."

"All the players knew the rules regarding the pre-season practices," stated Collins, "and the players that did come to practice and worked hard were the ones that went to war when the season opened."

"The football program at Zion Chapel is not dead," Collins stated, "but it is in real trouble. There are kids walking the halls that are not willing to sacrifice and do what it takes to become football players. It is easier to not play than to work hard, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice one must make to become an athlete. The program will continue to be in trouble until the kids decide they want to play football and the people in the community support the program."

David Collins

When asked about the sudden decision to resign, Collins made it clear that it was not a spur of the moment decision and was one that was hard to make.

"I had talked with our coaches for months and discussed the problems we faced," said Collins. "We knew the future of the program rested on the shoulders of the young players, and Coach Matt Rodgers and myself gave up our planning period, took a group of eighth graders that had shown the desire to play, and worked with them in the weight room, on conditioning and on speed. The youngsters showed they wanted to become football players and became excited about working out and getting better."

"There are still kids walking the halls that just sit back and are willing to watch the program die," added Collins. "They would rather talk about the kids that do play and criticize the players when they lose. Those kids were in diapers the last time Zion Chapel won big in football, and they know nothing about the tradition of teams in the past, nor do they care."

"Because of the age of the youngsters that were willing to work hard and improve as football players, I felt it would not be fair to feed them to the wolves as freshmen and play against varsity competition," Collins continued. "I talked with a number of coaches whose teams we were scheduled to play next season and they all understood the situation. I told them we were willing to play a junior varsity game, using players in grades nine through eleven, and if they would do the same we would play on Monday nights. After winter workouts it was obvious that this group would be very good playing against other players their same age, and I believed it was the only fair solution to the problem and the only fair thing for everyone involved."

"The 1998 season would have this group as sophomores," said Collins, "and we would then return to varsity competition. The team would still be young, but it would have had a year to work on its skills, and would at least have a chance to be competitive. If a team filled with freshmen had to play a varsity schedule it would just be another season filled with injuries and disappointment, and I felt like some of the youngsters would probably become discontented and leave the program and not come back."

"After much soul searching I made up my mind that as a coach there were only two options left," stated Collins. "We could either play a junior varsity schedule and work to rebuild the program, or I would resign. I just couldn't put this bunch in a situation that would be detrimental to the student-athletes and the program. When the decision was made that it would not be acceptable to not field a varsity team, I resigned."

"I have many fond memories from my years at Zion Chapel High School," said Coach Collins, "and have made many friends for life. I simply felt that I knew what was best for the program and the players, and stood up for those beliefs. It would have been embarrassing to me as a professional to admit that we could not field a varsity team, and I realize that it might have embarrassed some others close to the program. However, drastic times sometimes require drastic measures, and I still believe that it would have paid dividends down the line if I had been allowed to proceed with my plans."

Collins was named the Coach-of-the-Year during the 1994 season, and last season was awarded the "Sportsmanship Award" by the Tri-County Football Officials Association for his dedication and devotion to his players and the sport.

Zion Chapel rallies late to sneak past New Brockton

The Zion Chapel Rebels claimed their first win of the season last Thursday night by rallying past the New Brockton Gamecocks 9-8, in Elba.

The Rebels rallied late and trailed only 8-7 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, then took advantage of Gamecock errors and timely hitting to claim the win.

Wade Parker got 5 hits and struck-out 13 batters to spark the (1-7) Rebels to the win, while Brad Ashby added 3 hits and Patrick Oglesby and Buddy Maddox both added 2 hits.

Southeast Barrel Racing to hold first show of season

The Southeast Alabama Barrel Racing Association will hold its first run of the season on Sunday, April 13, at 2:00 PM, at the Opp Saddle Club arena.

There will be classes for all ages and levels of experience, with year end awards to be presented to the high point winners.

For more information, contact Susan (222-9072) or Cindy (222-3892).

Drop double-header to New Brockton

Lady Tigers rally past Samson 12-11

The Elba Lady Tigers took to the field for three games last week and managed only one win as their record for the season dipped to 3-6.

Following are highlights of all three games:

ELBA 12
SAMSON 11

The Elba Lady Tigers gained a measure of revenge for an early-season loss by defeating Samson 12-11, last Tuesday afternoon in Samson.

The Lady Tigers battled to a 5-5 deadlock through the opening two innings, but pulled on top 8-5 in the third, with the big hit being a home-run by Leigh Kelley.

Elba's lead went to 9-5 in the fourth, but the Lady Tigers saw Samson rally and go ahead 11-9 in the sixth.

Elba pulled out the win in dramatic fashion as Chastity Williams ripped a three-run homer in the top of the seventh to give the Lady Tigers a 12-11 lead that they would not surrender.

Vaughan Boyd and Chastity Williams both got 2 hits for Elba, with Boyd, Williams and Leigh Kelley all ripping home-runs.

NEW BROCKTON 15
ELBA 4

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks exploded for nine runs in their final two at-bats to bury the Elba Lady Tigers 15-4, in the opening game of a Thursday afternoon double-header.

Elba rallied from an early 6-0 deficit to cut the New Brockton lead to 6-4 after four innings; however, the Lady Gamecocks regained command in the fifth and ran away with the win.

Vaughan Boyd got 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate.

NEW BROCKTON 25
ELBA 11

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks scored 14 runs in their final two at-bats to crush the Elba Lady Tigers 25-11, and complete the double-header sweep.

The Lady Tigers trailed only 5-3 after two innings and 11-6 after five innings, but watched as New Brockton took charge late to coast in with the win.

Leslie Stinson and Melissa Mularz both got 3 hits for Elba, while Vaughan Boyd added 2.

ELBA LADY TIGER....Bonnie Vaughan eyes the third-base bag after ripping a double. Vaughan and the Lady Tigers will return to action this week against Highland Home.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

MONDAY, APRIL 7
Elba at Luverne (6:00)

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
Headland at Elba (4:00)
New Brockton at Goshen (3:30)
Samson vs. Zion Chapel (6:30) Elba

SOFTBALL

MONDAY, APRIL 7
Kinston at Ariton (2) 3:30
Zion Chapel at N. Brockton (2) 3:30

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
Highland Home at Elba (1) 4:00
Kinston at G.W. Long (2) 3:30
New Brockton at Goshen (2) 3:30
Zion Chapel at Houston Ac. (2) 3:30

Junior Lady Tigers win big

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers closed out their season last week with two wins to finish the season with a record of 9 wins and one loss.

Following are highlights of both games:

ELBA 23
SAMSON 22

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 16-1 lead and held on late to edge past Samson 23-22, last Tuesday afternoon in Samson.

The Lady Tigers came out hitting in the opening two innings and made it look easy as they combined 12 hits with six errors and three walks to grab a lopsided 16-1 advantage midway through the second.

Samson cut the Elba lead to 17-11 by the end of the third inning and trailed only 20-19 after four innings; however, the Lady Tigers held on late to claim the wild 23-22 win.

Michelle Daniels got 3 hits to lead Elba, while Katie Vaughan, Tyeshia Tyson, Rene Wambles, Oneida Davis and Roshanda McKinnon all added 2.

ELBA 8
H. HOME 5

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers closed out the season with an 8-5 win over Highland Home, Wednesday afternoon in Highland Home.

No details were available.

HENDERSON OPENS RACING SEASON WITH A BANG....Jody Henderson opened the 1997 racing season with a bang recently by dominating the action in the Hogg Class. Henderson won first place in the feature race at the Butler County Motor-Sports Park, in Greenville, on March 15, then followed up the opening night win with a first place finish in both the heat race and feature race on March 22.

Kinston sweeps Brockton

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 9-8 last week with a 13-11, 17-8, double-header sweep past the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, in high school softball action.

The Monday afternoon wins marked the fourth of the season for the Lady Bulldogs over New Brockton, and came at New Brockton.

Following are highlights of both games:

KINSTON 13
NEW BROCKTON 11

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored four runs in the top of the 10th inning to take a 13-9 lead and held on in the bottom of the inning to take a wild 13-11 win.

Wambles and Smith both got 3 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Rhoades, Rodgers and Hamilton all added 2 hits.

KINSTON 17
NEW BROCKTON 8

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs completed the double-header sweep by claiming an impressive 17-8 win, in the nightcap of the twin-bill.

Kinston scored only one run in the top of the first, but added runs in every inning and pulled away to post the big win.

Wambles got 4 hits to lead Kinston, while Fleming, Chamblee, Rhoades, Rodgers, Lee and Jones all added 2.

Elba Elementary School Menus

April 7 - 11, 1997

Breakfast	Lunch
Monday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	**Monday** - Pizza, Broccoli, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, Milk.
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	**Tuesday** - Barbecue, Slaw, Rice, Bread, 1/2 Orange, Milk.
Wednesday - Pancake w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	**Wednesday** - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Carrots, Crackers, Banana Pudding, Milk.
Thursday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	**Thursday** - Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans 1/2 Peach, Milk.
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Happenings at Kelley Foods of AL. Inc.

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At Kelley Foods Christmas supper, **Davie Sutherland**, receiving supervisor, was presented his 10-year service pin.

At Kelley Foods Christmas supper, **Ramona Wambles**, Customer Service Representative, was presented her 20-year pin by **Jerry Kelley.**

Employees recognized for 5 years of service at Kelley Foods Christmas supper are (L-R): **Kenneth King** - Shipping Supervisor; **Lavelle Holloway** - Fresh Packing; **J.C. Smith** - Cutting Dept.; and **Melvin Cross** - Driver. Not shown are Tim Tidwell, Dianne Coleman, Scott Dorsey, Rex Jackson, and Tommy Jackson.

New employees recognized at Kelley Foods Christmas supper are (L-R): **Fred Mallory** - Purchasing; **Dewain Thomas** - Driver; **Daphne Colvin** - Clerical; and **Rex Messick** - Night Shipping. Not shown are Eddie Disotell, Benji Herrington, Chris Danley, and Bryan Qualls.

Retail Packing Employees **Scott Dorsey** (left) and **Dianne Coleman** (right) received their 5-year service pins. **Van Johnson** (center) is Retail Packing Supervisor.

Allen Shipman, Kill & Cut supervisor (left) is shown presenting **J.C. Smith** (right) with his 5-year pin.

Kelley Foods Driver **Melvin Cross** (right) is shown receiving his 5-year pin from **Eddie Kelley** (right).

Virginia Price, Stuffing Room employee, is shown receiving her 10-year pin from supervisor **Ken Hattaway.**

Jerry Kelley, with Kelley Foods, presented the following employees with 5-year pins: **(L-R):** Fresh Packing - **Darryl Parrish** & **Lavelle Holloway;** Warehouse Receiving - **Tommy Jackson;** and Freezer Receiving - **Rex Jackson.**

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Kennedy named 1996 Alabama Logger of the Year

From a meager start, (a chainsaw and used pulpwood truck) Ronald Kennedy of Brantley has in two decades risen to the top of his profession. On March 1, Ronald, with wife Lynn at his side, was presented the '96 Alabama Logger of the Year Award at the Alabama Forestry Association's Mid-Winter Meeting in Point Clear.

Kennedy attributes much of his company's growth over the past 22 years to Lynn, son Kevin and daughter Kelly. Lynn's support during his many hours in the woods and help with paperwork has allowed Ronald to maintain his focus on the job site. Ronald's goal is to one day turn the business over to Kevin, 22, who recently was awarded an associate's degree in forestry at Wallace Community College in Andalusia. Currently, Kevin looks over the operation from the shop and coordinates the movement of equipment.

Kennedy employs approximately 30 people in the Central Alabama community on his four logging crews. He is proud of the team he has assembled and works hard to retain employees. To this end, Kennedy offers excellent benefits, including health insurance, a retirement plan and vacation days, a rarity among logging companies.

Technology is Ronald's weaknesses...and strength. He is committed to keeping up with the latest in harvesting equipment and techniques, both in the woods and the office. He owns two of the only three stroke delimbers currently operating in Alabama. These massive machines allow him to process timber much more quickly than conventional harvesting equipment, greatly improve his production and take better care of the environment. His office contains the most up-to-date personal computing power available. He computerized his record keeping and accounting systems about twelve years ago. Today he's as likely to be found "surfin' the net" as keeping up with Kennedy Logging paperwork.

Kennedy is active in numerous church, community, and volunteer activities, especially Log-a-Load for Kids, the forestry community's effort to raise money for Alabama's critically ill, injured and abused kids.

Kennedy's operation is truly a "world class" logging job. He represents the modern, professional logger, a business man in every sense. He will now be entered in the Southeastern States Logger of the Year competition sponsored by the American Pulpwood Association.

Pictured above are Johnny Majors and Johnny Pynes (far right) recognizing Lynn and Ronald Kennedy as the 1996 Alabama Logger of the Year at the Alabama Forestry Association's Mid-Winter Meeting.

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ESJC Time & Money Management

When is the best time of the month go buy groceries? When do you have enough insurance? How much time should you spend shopping in a store? Find out the answers to these and more questions in Enterprise State Junior College's one-day course, Time and Money Management. This course may be taken for one hour of college credit. There is a $38.00 tuition and fee charge. The course will be held on Friday, May 30, 1997 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information about the course, contact Mr. Randy Halcomb at 393-ESJC, ext. 256.

English as a Second Language

English as a second language classes at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels are now offered FREE to adult non-native speakers of English. Students learn skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Classes are available for NO CHARGE at Enterprise State Junior College on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 for more information. These classes are sponsored by Enterprise State Junior College and the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network.

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Coffee County Extension Service News

Fertilizing fish ponds critical to fish size

by **Stan Windham, County Agent**

Every fish pond in Alabama hopes to produce record setting fish. For example, the state large mouth bass record is 16 pounds and 8 ounces. The state bluegill record is 4 pounds and 12 ounces. The state shellcracker record is 4 pounds and 8 ounces. To produce fish like these, they either have to have a lot of time or a lot of time and good nutrition. One of the easiest ways to insure a balanced food chain in your pond is to be on a good fertilizer schedule.

One of the easiest ways to check to see how bad our fish pond needs to be fertilized is to attach something shiny like a mason jar lid to a yard stick at about an 18-inch depth. Put this yard stick into the water, and if you can view this shiny object fairly clearly at 18 inches, then you are in need of some fertilization.

To fertilize ponds, we recommend you make the first application of fertilizer in late February or early March. Follow this with two additional applications at two-week intervals. Then if your pond is in fairly poor shape in terms of fertility, make three more applications at three-week intervals. You can then continue to fertilize at monthly intervals, but you would want to stop applications by the last week in October.

There are several fertilizer materials you can use when fertilizing a pond. At one time liquid fertilizer was one of the cheapest ways to go. You could apply a gallon per acre to the pond, usually using a boat and some type spray rig and cover the pond as uniformly as possible. The fertilizer could even be diluted to help you do this. Another way is to use granular fertilizer which may be easier, but is in some cases a little more expensive. Granular fertilizer can also be spread from a boat just strewing it over the water much like you would over land. Most pond fertilizer will be heavy on the nitrogen and phosphate end, but does not need a whole lot of potassium or potash. Most of the rates for granular fertilizer differ depending on the product. If you use a 20-20-5 mixture, I would put around 40 pounds fertilizer to the acre. If you use an 18-46-0, I would put about 18-20 pounds to the acre.

If you are not planning to fertilize more than once or twice a year, it may be better not to fertilize at all. There has been some research that indicates this can actually do more harm than good. You would at least need to follow about a 9 to 13 week schedule alternating weeks and every three weeks. Another misconception is to consider fertilizer a herbicide. Fertilizing weeds will only do one thing, and that is help them grow.

One last thing is if you cannot get a good bloom on your water after fertilizing, you may want to soil test your pond to check the need for lime. Another thing would be to check to see how much water is moving through your spillway or out your drain pipe. Also, muddy water can have an adverse effect on fertilizer.

If you have any further questions concerning fertilizing fish ponds, give me a call at 894-5596, I will be glad to help.

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Fire extinguishers are important home safety tool

by **George Tabb, County Agent**

Fires are a real threat to people and their homes. Fire extinguishers can help you prevent small fires from turning into a disaster. Every home needs at least one fire extinguisher, and most would benefit from having several placed strategically throughout the house.

If you have a single fire extinguisher, mount it on a bracket in an easy-to-reach location in the kitchen, where many small fires start in the home. If you choose to put several in your home, good locations for these extra extinguishers include the garage, workshop or basement, and bedrooms. They should always be located near an exit.

Selecting the fire extinguisher most suited to your needs is important. Fire extinguishers are classed by the fires they put out. Labels on extinguishers indicate the types of fire they will put out.

Labels will include a letter. This letter tells the types of fires the extinguisher is effective against.

Extinguishers marked with an "A" in a triangle work on solid fuel fires. Those marked with a "B" in a square are good for liquid fuel fires, and ones marked with a "C" in a circle can be used to put out energized electrical fires.

Fire extinguishers come in a variety of sizes. Be sure to purchase one you can lift and use easily. Five and ten pound models are common for home use.

When selecting a fire extinguisher, consider buying a dry chemical extinguisher rated for all three types of fires. You will be prepared no matter what type fire you face.

Fire extinguishers vary in price. Higher priced models are worth the money. They can be recharged by professionals if you have to use your extinguisher. Also, they feature a gauge which indicates if the extinguisher is properly pressurized or needs to be serviced.

Make sure you and your family members understand how to use the fire extinguishers in your home. Familiarize yourself with the instructions, but always read those directions again before using an extinguisher.

If you cannot extinguish a fire immediately using an extinguisher, get yourself and others out of the house. Call the fire department and do not re-enter your home for any reason. If you have a fire that you were able to extinguish, you still may wish to contact the local fire department. They will be able to ensure that the fire is completely out.

Exercise - partner with good nutrition

by **Angela Hughes, County Agent**

March is National Nutrition Month, and many of us are concentrating on improving our diet. But a well-balanced diet is not the only component to a healthy lifestyle. Physical activity is an important part of living healthy.

Balancing the energy the body uses and the calorie intake is the only way to avoid gaining weight. Physical activity is an important way to use food energy. Many of us spend too much time during the day in activities that require little energy expenditure.

Many of us gain weight as adults, increasing our risk for illnesses such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and stroke. Physical activity can help us lose weight and decrease body fat. This can help reduce our disease risk as well.

Including more activity in your life doesn't mean you have to join a gym or invest in expensive exercise equipment. You need to spend less time in sedentary activities such as sitting or watching television, and spend more time participating in moderate physical activities.

Ideally, you should spend 30 minutes a day engaged in moderate physical activity. If 30 minutes seems like a long time to you, break the time up into 15-minute blocks.

Moderate physical activity is something almost all of us are capable of performing. It's not the intense workout associated with distance running. Check out this list of activities for something you can work in to your lifestyle.

Moderate Physical Activities: walking briskly (3-4 miles per hour); conditioning or general calisthenics; home care or general cleaning (vacuuming, mopping); racket sports such as tennis or badminton; jogging; swimming, moderate effort; cycling, moderate speed (10 miles per hour or less); gardening (raking, mowing); golf, pulling a handcart or carrying clubs.

Before beginning any regular exercise program, consult with your physician to ensure you selected an appropriate activity and the correct intensity level for you.

Try adding activities to your daily routine. Use the stairs at the office instead of the elevator. Park farther away from your office or the store than you normally do and walk the extra distance.

Decisions for retirement living

by **Angela Hughes, County Agent**

Do you dream of moving to the beach or mountains after you retire? Maybe you would like to move to another community to be closer to your grandchildren. Consider these suggestions.

If you're thinking of moving to a new community, subscribe to the local newspaper for a while. It will help you learn about the area and to decide if the move is the right decision for you.

If you're moving to a new climate, visit the new locations at the most undesirable time of the year. Retirees who have loved their annual vacation week at the beach during July may find the hurricane season to be too unnerving. Also, people who spend summer vacations in the mountains may not want to cope with icy roads in the winter.

Many people consider moving in with relatives. Try spending a couple of weeks with them first. It may not be long enough to uncover all the problems that might arise, but you should be able to determine if the move is completely wrong.

Apartment complexes and communities for retirees have many advantages, but be sure to talk to residents about the quality and cost of the facilities, of utilities, taxes, and other services. Learn as much as possible about the management of the facility and what role you, as a resident, would have in the decisions that would affect you.

Before you sign on the dotted line, make sure you thoroughly understand and agree with any lease or contract.

Remember that your housing needs may change as you grow older. If you are moving into a facility, check to see how flexible it will be if ti has to adapt to your needs as they change with time. Be sure you understand the implications and commitments involved in any life-care contracts.

When you're weighing the pros and cons of a move, check with your local council on aging or senior center to learn what kinds of services are available and their cost of eligibility requirements. You may find that your local community offers more than you thought.

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News with Richard Petcher

Coffee County Extension Agent

Scuppernongs, bullises, muscadines & grape orchards

by **Richard Petcher, County Agent**

Most of us, whether in big-time agriculture or in backyard gardening, want to get the most fruit with the least amount of effort. That is why I am writing this article. Muscadines yield 10-20 tons of fruit per acre with little work. As a general rule you never have to spray for insects or diseases. You fertilize three times per year. You prune muscadines once a year. They must be trellised. They need water, at least for the first three years. They need weeding, and they take time to pick and market if you plan to make a profit. That may sound like a lot of work but not when comparing to 13-20 sprays for peaches or apples. If you are looking for a crop whether for your backyard orchard or small commercial operation this may be a crop for you to consider.

First of all, scuppernongs and bullises are a type of muscadine, and muscadines are a type of grape. The muscadine grape was the first American grape species to be cultivated. This fruit has a long history in American agriculture. The muscadines are so different from the bunch grapes genetically, physiologically, and in taste that they are usually considered a separate fruit. The first recognized muscadine cultivar was a bronze selection found before 1760 by Isaac Alexander in Tyrrell County, NC. It was known as the Big White Grape or Hickmans Grape and was later named scuppernong after the area in which it was found.With time, the name scuppernong became generic for all bronze muscadines, regardless of actual cultivar name. Bullises became the traditional generic name for the dark-fruited types. It is important to note that all cultivars of this type of grape, regardless of the berry color (bronze, black, or red) are correctly called muscadines. Muscadines are usually considered to be a grape, both in common terminology and in botanical taxonomic classifications.

Careful planning before planting an orchard is essential to your success. Knowing exactly how your fruit will be sold and marketed of course is essential to commercial success. There are a few small backyard commercial vineyards in Coffee County. Their success is because of the hard work, creativity, good management, and marketing ability of their owners.

Muscadines are limited in their production to the more moderate climates of the southeast U.S. They are not very cold hardy and even in Coffee County you need to select a sight with good air circulation to reduce the possibility of winter freeze injury.

How to get rid of squirrels in your attic

by **Richard Petcher, County Agent**

The first thing you need to know is that squirrels, unlike mice and other rodents, are a protected game animal. They are protected by the Alabama Department of Fish and Game. If you are looking to eradicate squirrels, you need to give the Department of Fish and Game a call.

There are several steps you can take that will hopefully help you get rid of your squirrel problems. The first thing you can do is purchase a squirrel size "Have-a-Hart" trap. This trap is for catching live animals and later you can release the squirrels at another location without doing them any harm. You would need to bait this trap with a food that squirrels like. Some of the baits of their choice are peanut butter, a peanut butter/oatmeal ball, pecans, or apples. You may need to experiment a little to find the bait to trap your particular squirrel.

Once you receive permission from the Alabama Department of Fish and Game to eliminate the squirrels, you have several options to choose from. The first option is to use a rat-size snap trap. Use the same bait as we suggested for the "Have-a-Hart" trap. The snap trap will kill the squirrels.

There are no poisons registered for squirrels. Some people do try the rat poisons, and it is debatable whether they work or not. However, they are not a legal method. Some cats are good at catching squirrels, especially if you put the cat in the attic for a short period of time.

Another option is to simply shoot the squirrels. Of course, this can only be done in areas outside the city limits or where it is legal to use guns and either it is within squirrel season or you have special permission from the Department of Fish and Game. Of course, use all precautions of gun safety. One recommendation here is to put a stump in your backyard and use peanut butter again to attract the squirrels.

The last step would be to block the holes where the squirrels are entering your home. Knowing whether the squirrels are inside or outside may be difficult. So one way to do this is to use a one-way door. Make the door so that it will swing out but not in. Use the one-way door until you know the squirrels are out and then tack it down.

Fifth Grade 4-H hold meeting

by **Katie Driggers, Reporter**

The 4-H Club meeting was in Mrs. Thomas' 5th grade class. Our vice president, Hannah, called the meeting to order. Even though the song leaders were present, we sang no songs. Katie, our devotional leader, gave the January devotion. We repeated together both of the pledges led by Ayonna, our secretary. Blake, our reporter, called roll. Each officer was moved one step up. Blake then read the minutes. No corrections were made, but there was unfinished business. The stools that were made were judged and brought back. Brett placed first, and Josh placed second. There was no old business, but some new. We were given, and discussed the January activity sheet. Blake gave a report on her project. The program was how to make 4-H record books. Candace, Derick, and Marquita read from a pamphlet. The meeting was then adjourned.

Home loans available through USDA Rural Development

Are you among many low income rural residents in Alabama who have been thinking that home ownership is really just an impossible dream? There's good news! "Qualified low income residents of Alabama may be able to obtain much needed funding by taking advantage of the USDA Rural Development 502 Leveraged Loan Program," said Horace H. Horn, Jr., State Director.

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Williamson Family to be in concert at Country Cathedral

The Williamson Family from Crestview, Florida will be in concert at Country Cathedral, located on U.S. Hwy. 84 East of Opp, Sunday, April 6. The service will start at 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
BY U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Loan No.: NR 410871 31 09
On or about July 31, 1990, Fred Smith, Jr. and Kathleen Elizabeth A. Smith, husband and wife, executed and delivered to the U. S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the United States, a Mortgage on certain real estate located in Coffee County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was filed for record on July 31, 1990, in the office of Judge of Probate, Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division) in Mortgage Book 95-A, at Pages 101-104.
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, there will be sold by said U. S. Small Business Administration, as Mortgagee, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the door of the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, on Wednesday, April 30, 1997, the following described real property, to-wit:
One lot or parcel of land, in West Elba, described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Plant Avenue and Hickman Avenue, and running in a northeasterly direction along Plant Avenue 100 feet, thence in a Westerly direction 100 feet, thence South 100 feet to Hickman Avenue, thence in an Easterly direction along Hickman Avenue to the point of beginning, better known as the Bozeman lot. Together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon.
The aforesaid Mortgage was given to secure payment of that certain promissory Note dated May 24, 1990, in the original principal amount of $57,400.00 executed and delivered by Fred Smith, Jr. and Kathleen Elizabeth A. Smith in favor of said U. S. Small Business Administration. Default having been made, the U. S. Small Business Administration, the holder and owner thereof, has and does hereby declare said promissory Note immediately due and payable, and has notified Debtor of its intention to sell the aforedescribed property at the sale herein advertised.
Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the balance due on the Note. The proceeds of sale will be applied first, to the expenses incidental to sale; secondly, to pay any sum expended in the care and preservation of the property; and thirdly, to principal and interest on the promissory Note.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the terms "SBA," "Small Business Administration," "Administrator," "U. S. Small Business Administration," "Small Business Administration, an agency of the United States of America," and "Administrator of the Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America" are the same and synonymous, and that the real party in interest is the Government of the United States of America.
SBA makes no representation or warranty as to the physical condition of the real estate and/or any improvements thereon. SBA is not familiar with the environmental condition of the real property and makes no statements or warranties that said real estate is or is not free of any hazardous and/or toxic substances. Any purchasers of said real estate will release and will hold and save SBA harmless from and against all claims, losses, demands, costs, expenses (including attorneys fees and other legal costs), liabilities, damages and judgments arising out of or related to SBA's use (past, present, or future) of said real estate or breach of this representation.
The above-described property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any filed taxes, and reservations and restrictions contained in prior deeds and easements for highway and/or road rights of way, telephone utility lines, rights of egress and ingress. Said property will be sold without representation, warranty or recourse, express or implied, as to title, use and/or enjoyment of the property described above, and will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption.
AIDA ALVAREZ, ADMINISTRATOR
U. S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
An Agency of the United States
(as Mortgagee)
For further information concerning the property to be foreclosed upon, please contact:
Erskine L. Valrie
Portfolio Management Division
U. S. Small Business Administration
2121 8th Avenue, North, Suite 200
Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2398
(205) 731-1321 4-3, 10, 17, 24-chg

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Fannie Lois Folmar and husband, William T. Brooks, Jr., to Mortgage Investors, Inc., on November 19, 1993 said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, in Volume 117-A, Record of Mortgages, at Pages 194-195, the undersigned, Mortgage Investors, Inc., as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Elba, COFFEE County, Alabama, on April 25, 1997, during the legal hour of sale, the following described real estate, situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot No. 7, Block "B", of Kennedy Estates, a subdivision of the City of Elba, Alabama, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 80, in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.
This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.
Mortgage Investors, Inc.
mortgagee
Alan C. Keith
3525 Lorna Ridge Drive, Suite 100
Birmingham, AL 35216
Attorney for mortgagee
3-20,27, 4-3-chg

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF MISTIE DAWN CHILDS AND TIMOTHY DEREK CHILDS HUSBAND AND WIFE
CASE NO: DR97-R-19
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
To: Mr.Timothy Derek Childs,
You are hereby notified that a complaint of divorce has been filed against you in the entitled cause and you have 30 days from April 10, 1997, to answer same; otherwise default may be entered against you.
Dated this 13th day of March 1997.
/s/Jim Ellis
Jim Ellis, Circuit Clerk
3-20, 27, 4-3, 10 chg.

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897-2823

STATE OF ALABAMA
COFFEE COUNTY
FORECLOSURE NOTICE
WHEREAS, on November 24, 1995, Hayward P. Nelson and Shelia E. Nelson, individually and as husband and wife, did execute and deliver to SouthTrust Bank of Alabama, National Association, a national banking association, a mortgage on certain real estate hereinafter described, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Volume 5-A, Page 104-07, and,
WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said Mortgage as provided herein, which default continued at this date and said Mortgage is subject to foreclosure.
NOW, THEREFORE, three weeks notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the courthouse doors, main entrance, in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on April 16, 1997, the real estate being more particularly described as lying and being situated in Coffee County, State of Alabama, to-wit:
SouthTrust Bank of Alabama, National Association, is taking a first mortgage on the below described property
A lot or parcel of land containing one acre, more or less, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point of intersection of the West right of way line of the paved Coffee County Highway FAS 546-1 and the South line of Section 20, Township 7, Range 20; thence running West along said Section line a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence North 22° West along a line parallel with the right of way line of said paved road a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence East along a line parallel with the South line of said Section line a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence Southeasterly along said right of way line a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning, and lying in and being a part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 7 North, Range 20 East in Coffee County, Alabama.
Subject to easements, restrictions, and reservations appearing of record.
Said sale and conveyance will also be made subject to the legal rights of existing Federal Tax Liens, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect title to subject property.
Such sale will be made as provided in said mortgage for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage with interest thereon, any amounts required to be paid for taxes, insurance or other charges provided in said mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee.
Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled hereto.
SOUTHTRUST BANK OF ALABAMA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
a national banking association
PARNELL, CRUM & ANDERSON, P.A.
BY: Charles N. Parnell, III
Attorney for Mortgagee
Post Office Box 2189
Montgomery, Alabama 36102-2189
334/832-4200 3-27-4-3,10-chg

ESTATE OF
CURTIS JEFFERSON JONES
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO PC-97-14
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of March, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/HENRY WAYLON JONES
3-27, 4-3-10 - Chg

ESTATE OF
LOUIS EDWARD KELLEY
DECEASED
IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO PC-97-17
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of March, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ MABLE B. KELLEY
3-27, 4-3-10 - Chg

PUBLIC HEARING
The Elba Planning and Zoning Board will meet on April 7, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. to consider a petition to rezone the following property from R-4 to R-1.The public hearing will be held in the chambers of the Elba City Council at 200 Buford Street, Elba.
Beginning at a point on the South section line of Section 32, T6N, R20E at its point of intersection with the West right of way line of Alabama Highway 87 North; thence in a northerly direction along the West right of way line of Alabama Highway 87 to a point 500 feet North of the North margin of Cedar Lane Drive; thence in a westerly direction along a line parallel with the North margin of Cedar Lane Drive to a point on the West line of Section 32, T6N, R20E; thence continuing West into the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 31, T6N, R20E to the West line of said quarter section; thence South along the West line of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 31 to a point on the South line of Section 31; thence East along the South line of said quarter section to the southeast corner of Section 31; thence continuing East along the south line of Section 32, T6N, R20E to a point on the West right of way line of Alabama Highway 87; thence in a northerly direction along said right of way line to the point of beginning. 3-27,4-3-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORA KING, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC-97-04
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of March, 1997, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/Vera K. Brown
Personal Representative
3-20,27, 4-3-chg

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
BY U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Loan No.: DL-B 420731 3004
On or about August 20, 1990, Laura L. Perdices and husband, Charles F. Perdices executed and delivered to the U. S. Small Business Administration, an agency of the United States, a Mortgage on certain real estate located in Coffee County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was filed for record on August 23, 1990, in the office of Judge of Probate, Coffee County, (Enterprise Division) Alabama in Mortgage Book 240 at Pages 272-275.
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, there will be sold by said U. S. Small Business Administration, as Mortgagee, at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the door of the Coffee County Courthouse at Enterprise, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, on Wednesday, April 30, 1997, the following described real property, to-wit:
East 1/2 of Lots 15 and 16, Forest Park Apartments, Phase II, an addition to the City of Enterprise, Alabama, as shown by plat on record in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, in Plat Book 3, Page 86, together with all improvements situated thereon. Said property being subject to an ingress and egress across the entire north side as shown on said plat.
The aforesaid Mortgage was given to secure payment of that certain promissory Note dated August 9, 1990, in the original principal amount of $128,000.00 executed and delivered by Laura L. Perdices and Charles F. Perdices in favor of said U. S. Small Business Administration. Default having been made, the U. S. Small Business Administration,the holder and owner thereof, has and does hereby declare said promissory Note immediately due and payable, and has notified Debtor of its intention to sell the aforedescribed property at the sale herein advertised.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Separate bids for the resurfacing of two (2) existing streets within the city limits, will be received by The City of Elba, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323 until 3:00 p.m., local time, April 24, 1997 at the City Hall. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Notice to Proceed will be issued within ten (10) days after bid awarding date. This project must be completed within sixty (60) calendar days of Notice to Proceed. For each calendar day after sixty (60) days, liquidated damages will be assessed at the rate of $100.00 per calendar day until work is satisfactorily completed. The City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Both streets will require some preparation work. They are as follows:
a. Teresa Street. Approximately 775' long, 21' wide, and not less than 1" compacted thickness throughout, including extreme outside edge.
b. Cedar Lane Drive. Approximately 1,752' long, 26' wide, and not less than 1" compacted thickness throughout, including extreme outside edge joining an existing curb.
The work on this project consists, in general, of Bituminous Plant Mix Overlay and all necessary appurtenances to city right-of-way, including all labor and materials. Areas currently void of overlay such as potholes, lateral cuts, etc. will be cleaned, compacted and overlaid with 1", compacted plant mix prior to street overlay.
A separate or additive bid will be accepted providing concrete curbing of Teresa Street.
Bids must be sealed and clearly marked on the exterior of the envelope "Resurface of Teresa Street &Cedar Lane Drive". Questions may be directed to the City Clerk, (334) 897-2333. 4-3,10-chg

ESTATE OF
LOUIS EDWARD KELLEY
DECEASED
PROBATE COURT
CASE NO PC-97-17
Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of March, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee (Elba Division) County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ MABLE B. KELLEY 4-3,10, 17 - Chg

DRUGS

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Sgt. Herbert stated that at the conclusion of the license's check, a sweep of the area north of the checkpoint was made by the K-9 units and several "packets" of drugs and containers of beer were found beside the roadway. Officers assumed they were "tossed" by occupants of vehicles approaching the checkpoint.

The operation was deemed a success by the law enforcement agencies involved.

Officers stated that ninety-nine percent of the comments made by motorists passing through the checkpoint were positive. They were appreciative of the effort being made to make the highways safe.

"Even those individuals whose vehicles were pulled to the side for the drug dogs to check expressed appreciation for our efforts," said Sgt. Herbert.

Agencies participating in the operation included the following: Coffee County Sheriff's Department with their K-9 unit, 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force members, K-9 units of the Elba and Enterprise police departments, and the Alabama State Troopers.

• Zellow Hollis, 34 of Montevallo, AL, was charged with possession of marijuana second degree.

• Jason David Allen, 19 of New Brockton, AL, was charged with possession of marijuana second degree.

RADAR

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could be that the traffic stop for speeding could lead to arrests for other violations.

"Speed goes hand-in-hand with drunk driving and with radar we can now enforce speed limits while checking for other violations," said Sheriff Moates.

"Although the department now has radar it will be a low-priority law enforcement responsibility because of the many other responsibilities which the sheriff's department already has," said Moates.

The use of traffic radar by the sheriff's department will not conflict with the duties of the Alabama State Troopers, but hopefully the combined efforts will make the county roadways safer and cut down on speed related accidents.

Sheriff Moates reminds county residents that the speed limit on county maintained paved roads is 45 mph and 35 mph on dirt roads, unless otherwise ported.

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Kinston Elementary Lists
4TH SIX WEEKS

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten
Crystal Baker, Jamison Davis, Dalton Fuller, Amber Horton, Wesley Hunko, Shelley Hutchison, Andrew Johnson, Anthony Pezza, Josh Reeves, Brandon Pierce, Jessie Sessions, Eric Wise, Corey Wood.

First Grade
Whitney Davis, Troy Horton, John Moss, Beth Vaughan.

Second Grade
Josh Grice, T.J. Harrison, Tiffany Jordan, Hannah Jowers, Trey Kendrick, Dustin Reeves, Kaliegh Sanders, Rob Sanders, Lashea Smith, Wesley Stokes, Brittany Thomaston.

Third Grade
Ashley Carter, Lacresha Cobb, Brandy Crouch, A.J. Davis, Brittany Donaldson, Josh Driver, John Francisco, Brittany Hunko, Dannielle Kelley, John Lowery, Casey Mack, Amber McKinney, Candace Patterson, Ramsey Phillips, Matt Snell, Mindy Wise.

Fourth Grade
Dustin Hanks, Ben Holley, Billy Johnson, Joey McCrummen, Dustin Patterson, Josh Reeves, Brittany Scofield, Anna Smith, Tana Smith, Mitchell Whaley.

Fifth Grade
Scott Ballard, Brandon Berry, Eric Bowdoin, Rebecca Crouse, Amanda Lashley, Jeremy Driver, Courtney Farris, Shae Farris, Michael Hataway, Daniel Holtum, Tony Johnson, Kasie Kelley, Ashley Moore, Blake Phillips, Lacey Sherwood, Hillary Sumblin, Courtney Tillis, Michell Trammell, Samantha Wambles, Ben Wise.

Sixth Grade
Jay Barlette, Jim Bedsole, Matt Blue, Paul Carnley, Troy Cook, Jordan Fleming, Michael Hamilton, Allen Holley, Ashley Johnson, Jamie Johnson, Geneva Legaspi, Chad Lunsford, Jason McInnis, Matthew McInnis, Melissa Neff, Tasha Reeves, Andrea Thorn, Sloane Weeks, Matthew Wilkerson, Tara Williams.

"A" HONOR ROLL

First Grade
Brittany Dubose, Aaron Jacobs, Ashley E. Kelley, Heather Marlowe, John Moss, Kourteney Pierce, Caitlin Tindell, Christie Whigham, Monica Wilford.

Second Grade
Angel Francisco, John Grice, Trey Kendrick, Brittany Thomaston.

Third Grade
Sabrina Carpenter, Ashley Carter, A.J. Davis, Brittney Donaldson, Josh Driver, John Francisco, Tinell Harrison, Josh Holtum, Brittany Hunko, Casey Mack, Amber McCall, Ramsey Phillips.

Fourth Grade
Breeann Hattaway, Brittany Holley, Tiffany Wilson.

Fifth Grade
Jeremy Driver, Amanda Lashley, Bridgett Marlowe, Megan Piland, Ashley Rushing, Lacey Sherwood, Hillary Sumblin, Jeremy Wiggins.

Sixth Grade
Jim Bedsole, Rena Donaldson, Matthew McInnis, Tasha Reeves, Tara Williams.

A - B HONOR ROLL

First Grade
Clay Craig, Whitney Davis, Erick Ellis, Brittany Holley, Blake Johnson, Garrett Kelley, Elizabeth King, Ashley McCall, Chad Miller, Cody Mock, Lance Rushing, Victoria Underwood, Beth Vaughan, Whitney White

Second Grade
Brock Barlette, Bradley Hataway, Anna Hayes, Charlie Hercus, Ben Jones, Tiffany Jordan, Ashley Lasiter, Dustin Reeves, Rob Sanders, Chris Smith, Zack Spader, Zack Spann, Courtney Weeks

Third Grade
Chad Bedsole, Jamey Berry, Blaine Drury, Ashley Dubose, Emily Farris, Jessie Grogg, Jessie Jacobs, Dannielle Kelley, Josh Lowery, Amber McKinney, Matt Odom, Garret Parker, Candace Patterson, Matt Snell.

Fourth Grade
Drew Donaldson, Brett Elmore, Josh Farris, Billy Johnson, Marlena Parker, Richard Parrish, Josh Reeves, Brittany Scofield, Anna Smith, Tana Smith, Mitchell Whaley.

Fifth Grade
Bryan Carpenter, Rebecca Crouse, Tiffany Dubose, Courtney Farris, Shae Farris, Jonathan Hataway, Daniel Holtum, Kasie Kelley, Haley Kilcrease, Megan King, John Lee, Ashley Moore, Blake Phillips, Ricky Powell, Hannah Seay, Courtney Tillis, Michell Trammell, Crystal Weeks, Benjamin Wise.

Sixth Grade
Jay Barlette, Michael Hamilton, Ashley Johnson, Geneva Legaspi, Jason McInnis, Josh Odom, Jeremy Parker, Mary Schofield, Lee Whigham, Matthew Wilkerson.

RELAXING AFTER THE SHOW National Security President **Jack** Brunson and his wife Edna pose on each side of the cast of the recent presentation of *"Some Enchanted Evening - The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein"*. The musical was part of the insurance company's celebration of it's 50th anniversary. Following the delightful free presentation, held before a large audience at the Elba High School, the insurance company hosted a reception in it's large Elba headquarters. There, the audience got to meet and talk with the members of the cast while enjoying punch and finger foods prepared to perfection.

ISN'T LIFE GRAND! D. M. English poses with the always happy and bubbly Rainer Twins at a recent reception following their delightful piano performance prior to the National Security sponsored presentation of *"Some Enchanted Evening"*, a musical of songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein. The twins, Alice and Clarice (or is it Clarice and Alice) are concert pianists, who are natives of Opp, AL, and have returned there for their home base after several years of living in other states. English, one of the founders of National Security, gave the official opening welcome to the guests at the musical.

NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS
3rd Reporting Period

"A" HONOR ROLL

Seventh Grade
Leslie Allison, Kendra Cole, Jenna Donaldson, Ashley Green, Veronica Hernandez, Jeff Rogers, Jeremy Windham.

Eighth Grade
Jeff Campbell, Lorie Donaldson, Kevin Gudith, Selwyn Musser, Michael Spencer.

Ninth Grade
Rachel Carroll, Crystal Tatem.

Tenth Grade
Clint Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Justin Campbell, Paul McMonagle, Erica Newman.

Eleventh Grade
Jennifer Hornsby, Jessica Windham.

Twelfth Grade
Tenisha Tidwell, Daniel Witmer.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

Seventh Grade
Rachel Allums, Brooke Anderson, Jennifer Downing, Justin Edwards, Jessica Eubanks, Heather Harbuck, Jeremy Mack, Andrea McDurmont, Brett Pearson, Nikki Rowe, Ashley Senn, Emily Smith, Tabitha Walden.

Eighth Grade
Nikki Anderson, Jimmy Cooper, Kevin Enfinger, Austin Harris, James Layton, Fitz Lee, Kelly Nichols, Jessi Padilla, Chris Sirois, David Virag, Matt Windham.

Ninth Grade
William Beckworth, Kellen Cole, Leeann Griffin, Pate Harrison, Roni Knight, Curtis Lewis, Samantha Mittlebach, Brittainy Mobley, Michael Richardson, Jessica Spivey, Cody Walker, Mandy Yohn.

Tenth Grade
Crystal Burrows, Jason Downing, Brandie Head, Pam Hilyer, Michael Hines, Tony Holloman, Matt Holloman, Justin Hughes, Travis Kelley, Emmer Lolley, Scott McMahan, Chad Moore.

Eleventh Grade
Jason Allums, Annie Kilpatrick, Nicole Meeks, Stephanie Senn, Donna Spencer.

Twelfth Grade
Renee Ammons, Bonnie DeVaughan, Daniel Edwards, Tim English, Catrina Gamble, Chad Kilpatrick, Tina Lader, Cindy Lawson, Shannon Lott, Jason McCollough, Wes McKinney, Jeremiah Moore, Enorise Newson, Jana Padilla, Ashley Rogers, Angie Tindol, Mark Windham.

GED classes being offered in area

Enterprise State Junior College, in cooperation with the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network, offers adult education instruction in literacy, basic reading, writing, math, and preparation for the GED Test. Interested adults may enroll in these FREE classes at any time and at any session. Classes are being taught at the following locations:

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Kinston High School, Wednesdays, 3:30-7:30 p.m. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 for more information.

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New Brockton Town Council meeting brief

By Marvin McILwain, Editor

The monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council consisted of routine matters and was brief.

With all council members present, the council took exactly one-half hour to complete their ten-item agenda and adjourn.

Mayor Britt reported that he had recently attended a state highway department-sponsored meeting on U. S. Hwy. 84 in Andalusia.

He noted that a study is presently being done to determine the route U. S. Highway 84 will take in the future. State highway officials told those present at the meeting that further meetings are planned in early summer to report on plans for 84.

"As it stands right now, it (U.S. Hwy. 84W) will still come close by New Brockton even with a change according to the study being done," said Mayor Lee.

Mayor Lee reported to the council that attempts to find someone to work in the street department or as a police dispatcher through the Senior Aide program had not been successful.

He noted that only two individuals had expressed an interest but neither showed up for an interview.

The county paid the town's fee of $725 to participate in the program; therefore, the town will have to reimburse the county whether or not the services of an aide are obtained.

After several minutes of discussion, the council voted to get someone to do clerical work under the program since the funds have already been allocated.

Council members received a good financial report from the city clerk on the town's finances for the first half of the fiscal year.

Mayor Lee commented that the town, thus far, had received more than $181,000.00 in revenue through March 31, 1997. A review of the budget showed that 62% of the funds allocated in the FY 97 budget had been spent.

After reviewing the monthly budget report, the council approved payment of monthly bills totalling, $34, 561.64.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department, for the month of March, had issued 19 citations, made 7 arrests, answered 12 complaints, and investigated 4 accidents with no personal injuries.

He stated that the fire department had responded to one fire and the rescue squad had made fifteen runs.

James Brown, who serves as chief of the fire department and captain of the rescue squad, appeared before the council requesting their approval for the two departments to build a new facility.

The previous council had agreed to allow the rescue squad and fire department to construct a new facility to house their equipment on a parcel of land owned by the city. The land is located on the old railroad bed with access to Vester Cole Street.

Brown told council members that the building would be constructed at no cost to the city. The two departments will raise the necessary funds.

During a question and answer session, Brown told the council that the new facility should meet the needs of the two organizations for the next 20 or more years.

The council voted to concur with the previous council's action and give their stamp of approval on the project. When plans are finalized on the new structure, the council will be given an opportunity to review them.

Jimmy Peacock, a local resident and business owner in New Brockton, appeared before the council to go on record on a zoning matter.

"I think we have a violation of the zoning ordinance and I'm here tonight to go on record saying that I think that ordinance ought to be enforced," said Peacock.

Reportedly, the zoning violation involves the placement of a mobile home. The alleged violation had been reported to the previous administration and no action had been taken. According to Peacock, it had been reported more than a year ago.

During comments from council members, Council member Rodger Harrison reported to the council that the recreation program was doing well.

He noted that the work on an additional baseball field was nearing completion and would be ready for use in the near future. It was constructed at no cost to the town.

Councilman Ron McMonagle commented that the leash law was being strictly enforced and stray dogs are being picked up. Chief Driggers stated that three dogs had already been taken to the dog pound in Elba.

CLOSE CALL...An Elba teenager had a close call Tuesday afternoon. At approximately 4:19 p.m., Elba police were informed of a one-vehicle wreck which had occurred on AL Highway 189N just inside the city limits. Upon arriving on the scene, officers found Rebecca E. Thomas, 18, of Rt. 5 Box 202, Elba, AL who was the driver and lone occupant of the Mazda pickup truck. She did not appear to be seriously injured, just some minor scrapes and bruises; however, she was taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. The truck appeared to have rolled over at least twice before landing upright in the ditch. The accident was investigated by Officers Kevin Burke and Anthony Dozier of the Elba Police Department

Former Mayor of New Brockton dies after long illness

By Marvin McILwain, Editor

The town of New Brockton lost one of its most avid supporters on Tuesday, April 1, 1997.

Former Mayor L. A. Adkison, 70, died at his home after an extended illness.

Adkison served as the Mayor of New Brockton from 1980 to 1988. He ran for a third term but was defeated.

However, after his defeat, Adkison continued to be interested in the town. He remained active and supportive of those who strived to make the town a better place in which to live.

Adkison was remembered by residents of the town as being a good leader and a man of his word. A lot of improvements were made in the Town of New Brockton during his tenure as mayor. He made a difference.

Adkison's pastor, Rev. Robert Barr of New Brockton's First Baptist Church commented, "Even though he will be greatly missed, there is comfort in knowing he was fulfilled by his life."

Funeral services for Adkison were held on Thursday, April 3, at First Baptist Church of New Brockton followed by burial in the City Cemetery.

Adkison is survived by his wife Dorothy Adkison; a daughter and son-in-law Debbie and Clark Crates, of Enterprise; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Faye Adkison of New Brockton, and Michael and Misty Adkison, of Enterprise; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Johnny Ray Adkison.

The family asked that memorial donations be made to: Wiregrass Hospice, P.O. Box 1103, Enterprise, AL 36330.

FLOWERS HONORED...Coffee County Maintenance Supervisor John Flowers was honored recently by his fellow employees. Flowers is retiring after heading the county's maintenance department for the past 14 years. A reception was held in the Community Room located in the County Complex in John's honor. Many of his relatives and friends came by to wish him well in his retirement. John was presented with a plaque expressing thanks for his many years of dedicated service to the county, and he also received a watch from employees in the commission office. Pictured above with John (center) is his wife, Joyce and Tom Grimsley, chairman of the Coffee County Commission.

United Way Venture Grants available

By Marvin McILwain, Editor

The Coffee County unit of the Wiregrass United Way has announced the availability of venture grants for organizations and agencies serving the county.

Following a successful campaign in the fall of 1996, the Coffee County Volunteer Allocations Committee has responsibility for distributing a total of $145,340.08.

In February of this year, the Committee allocated $129,244.85 to the twenty-two United Way agencies serving Coffee County. Another $920.00 was designated by donors to neighboring United Ways, and $5,342.25 was designated to other agencies.

The remaining $9,832.62 was assigned to a venture grant fund for making grants to local activities or special projects that will benefit Coffee County citizens in 1997.

United Way venture grants are one-time allocations for specific purposes such as equipment, program supplies or needed expenditures not allowed by regular budget considerations.

Any nonprofit agency or organization, or government entity, with an exceptional local community program or service need, is eligible to apply.

These venture grants will be awarded by the volunteer Allocations Committee for Coffee County. Applications will be received through May 2, with decisions being made by June. The actual grants will be distributed beginning in July.

Agencies and organizations interested in applying can receive the application packet by writing Rich Roy, Chairman, Coffee County Allocations Committee, P.O. Box 1194, Enterprise, AL, 36331, or by contacting Amanda Beckwith at 393-1072 or 1-800-670-9845.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Elba Band Boosters have begun their annual sale of bar-b-que tickets for Band Day '97. Tickets are $5.00 each and may be purchased from any band member. The DEADLINE for purchasing the tickets is Friday (TOMORROW), April 11.

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A civil jury in Elba, AL began hearing the case of Coffee County Vs Wendell "Buddy" Ammons on Tuesday. Ammons is being sued by the county in connection with county funds which were stolen by his wife, Marilyn Ammons. She was a bookkeeper for the county for 13 years. In 1991, Ms. Ammons plead guilty to stealing $334,527.83. She was sentenced to 15 years in prsion and ordered to pay restitution in the above amount less a surety bond payment of $25,000.00. The county is suing Mr. Ammons for an amount of stolen money he allegedly used to buy certain items; i.e. a boat and travel trailer.

Coffee County Emergency Medical Service fully operational in Elba

By Marvin McILwain, Editor

Coffee County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and Medical Supply is now open and fully operational in Elba, AL.

The new ambulance service's office is located at 515 North Claxton Avenue next to Hardee's.

Coffee County EMS is offering 24 hours a day ambulance service staffed with paramedics who are ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) certified,

In addition, each of the paramedics are certified to transport patients who have received thrombolytic therapy in an emergency room.

The owner of the service is Ms. Stephanie Hartin, and the local Chief Executive Officer/Director of operations is Mr. Will Jordan.

The primary goal of the Coffee County EMS is to provide hospital transfers from Elba General Hospital to other medical facilities. Also, the service will respond to private medical calls and any requests from the City of Elba.

"We are excited to be here and look forward to providing advanced pre-hospital care and inter-hospital transfers for the citizens of Elba," said Jordan.

He added, "We want everyone to understand that our purpose is not to compete with the local rescue squad, but to complement them by assisting them if requested."

The public is invited to stop by the new service's facility and visit at any time.

Coffee County EMS's phone numbers are 897-8009 and 1-800-961-3352.

Meet Your Elba Police Officers

Meet Police Officer Sergeant Paul R. (Randy) White. Randy is a native of Elba and has been a member of the Elba Police Department for almost 13 years.

Sgt. White presently works in the patrol division of the department on second shift.

All of Sgt. White's experience in law enforcement has been with the Elba Police Department.

Randy has had special training as a member of Elba's S.W.A.T. team and also as a K-9 handler.

"The fellowship and brotherhood between officers when one is in need and serving the town I love is what I like most about being a policeman," said White.

"What I don't like is having people become angry and complain when we do the job we are paid to do," he commented.

One of Sgt. White's most memorable experiences is being involved in a chase and shootout with a man who had kidnapped his ex-wife.

For Elba, he would like to see the town come together and be united and brotherly.

When asked if he had three wishes for the police department what they would be, his response was: one - to step forward and be prepared for the 21st Century; two - to continue training officers to help ensure safety; and three - to upgrade the members of the department in order to fully gain the respect of all citizens.

White's hobbies include: martial arts, hunting and fishing with his son, and police work.

Sgt. White is married and has a son.

State highway department begins roadwork in county

The Alabama Dept. of Transportation said this week that S.A. Graham Construction Company, Inc., began work on March 28, on the intersection improvements of Ala. Highways No. 167 and 51, and at the intersection of Ala. Highway No. 167 and Laurel Breeze Dr. in Coffee County.

This work will consist of realigning Highway 51 and constructing new turn lanes on No. 167. The project is expected to be completed in 60 working days.

The department advises that the contractor has erected all the necessary construction signs and traffic control devices to safely guide motorists through the construction work zone. Motorists are urged to reduce speed and exercise caution while traveling through the work zone.

Any public inquiry concerning this work should be directed to the following: Mr. Sherrill Calhoun, Project Manager, phone 334/735-2362; Mr. Mark J. Graham, District Engineer, phone 334/347-8166; or Mr. Cliff K. Massey, Project Engineer, phone 334/670-2464.

DON'T FORGET INCOME TAX DEADLINE TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1997

* * HAPPENINGS * *

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting, Monday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS BREAKFAST The Elba Chamber of Commerce (ECC) invites everyone to a Business-Before-Hours-Breakfast at Mama's Kitchen on Tuesday, April 17, between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. (Dutch Treat).

FUTURE LITTLE MISS & LITTLE MISS ELBA PAGEANT The Future Little Miss and Little Miss Elba Pageant is scheduled for Friday, April 18, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. Alison McCreary, Miss Alabama 1996, will be emcee and also will provide entertainment. Little Miss Peanut 1996 Kelli Calhoun will also be performing at the pageant.

MISS & JR. MISS ELBA PAGEANT The Miss and Junior Miss Elba Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. Carrie Johnson, of WSFA-TV's "Today In Alabama" will emcee the event. Rob and Kelly Hudson of Nashville will be providing entertainment. A special invitation is extended to all former Miss Elbas. They are being asked to call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125 if they plan to attend. Special recognition and reserve seating will be available for the former queens.

ELBA TIGER BAND DAY The Elba Band Boosters will sponsor their annual Tiger Band Day on the courthouse square in downtown Elba on Saturday, April 19. There are many activities being planned for the festive day. All proceeds from Band Day '97 will directly benefit the Elba High School Band to buy uniforms, instruments, music, and many other much needed items. In case of inclement weather, the festivities will be moved to the old Army Reserve Center on Claxton, Avenue.